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Family Dollar Store approved

Town manager proposes sidewalk, lighting plan for intersection area

BY ALISON ALOISIO

The Bethel Planning Board last week approved a plan to put a Family Dollar Store next to Rite Aid in Bethel.

Additionally, interim Town Manager Steve Eldridge outlined a plan, drawn up in cooperation with the Maine Department of Transportation, for town sidewalks and a pedestrian crossing in the area around the Route 2/ Parkway intersection.

The store plan had originally been met with concern by planners and residents because of what they saw as a potential traffic safety impact for

both vehicles and pedestrians near an intersection many consider dangerous. There was also concern about the visual impact of the outside of the store.

Sidewalks

Two days before last week's board meeting Eldridge and other town officials met with MDOT representatives at the proposed store site and talked about ways to improve safety.

Eldridge said MDOT is "adamant" about not putting a stop light at the intersection because tractor trailer trucks coming

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Eli Mann's Big Foot truck on Main Street in Bethel during the Molly Ockett Day parade. Mark Harrington

Big Foot comes to Bethel

BY ALISON ALOISIO

In 1987, when Eli Mann was nine years old, he went to a book fair at Crescent Park Elementary School in Bethel. He bought a small paperback book about "Big Foot" trucks - Ford trucks with pickup-style bodies, but built with very large tires and suspensions.

Today, he owns the truck pictured on the cover of the book.

Mann had gone to the book fair not long after was introduced to "Big Foot" trucks by his mother.

"My mother had gotten me a Big Foot poster," he said. "I fell in love with it. I used to watch a Big Foot show on TV."

The TV competitions featured the trucks pulling

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Planners deny cell tower for village

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel planners last week turned down an application for Northeast Wireless to construct a 100-foot cell tower at a site in Bethel Village.

The pole-style tower would have been erected on property owned by Oxford Networks on Elm Street. But there was opposition to the plan voiced at a public hearing last month, as some residents cited the visual impact on the village and what they said were potential health concerns from its frequency emissions.

Last Wednesday the board first denied a request from Northeast to waive an ordinance requirement that the tower be a distance that is at least 125 percent of its height away from the property line. The lot was too small to allow that.

After going through the four allowable reasons for granting a waiver - all of

which had to apply - planners voted that three of them were not met by the applicant's circumstances.

The board then did its Finding of Fact review for other standard requirements for approval. They found several were not met, including not having an undue adverse effect on scenic and natural beauty of the area and on historic sites.

The board did find the application met a requirement regarding the tower not causing electromagnetic interference with radio, Internet and other communications.

Chairman Jon Cowan also noted that research provided to the board indicated there would be no health threats from the tower's frequency emissions.

The site plan application was ultimately denied by the board.

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Bethel seeks public input on town manager qualities at Aug. 6 meeting

Also: Selectmen report complaints on police coverage change

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel selectmen will hold a public meeting Wednesday, Aug. 6 to seek input from residents on what characteristics they would like to see in their next town manager.

The decision followed an executive session held at Monday's board meeting

to discuss whether to hire a consultant to guide them through a town manager search. Two bids were submitted for the work. But selectmen decided against hiring anyone and will conduct the search themselves, according to interim Town Manager Steve Eldridge.

Eldridge said after the meeting selectmen are asking citizens to attend Wednesday's meeting at 7 p.m. at the Town Office to make recommendations for desirable characteristics in the next manager. "Once they have collected all the citizen comments they will start the search process," he said.

Police coverage
In other business Monday, Selectman Don Bennett said he has heard more complaints from citizens about the speed of traffic in the area of the Rite Aid intersection and Mayville. Until some other means to slow traffic

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Student center, makerspace to occupy Gould's Hanscom Hall

BY AMY CHAPMAN

A renovation currently underway at Gould Academy's Hanscom Hall will turn the entire lower level of the venerable classroom building into a space where students can

collaborate to, innovate, design, build, and problem-solve.

"Anyone can now be a designer," said Sara Shifrin. A Gould alumna and longtime English teacher and librarian, Shifrin will serve as Director of the

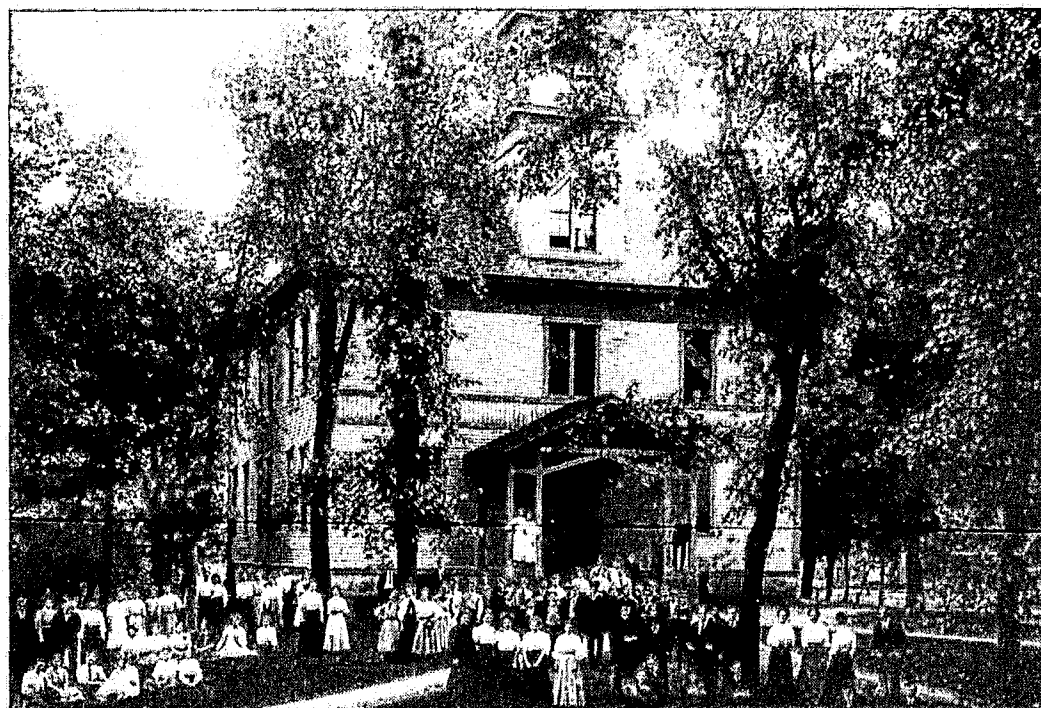
new IDEAS Center. The acronym stands for Innovation, Design, Entrepreneurship, Arts, and Sciences.

Shifrin noted that the affordability of computer-aided design equipment like 3D printers, la-

ser cutters, and CNC routers means that technology that was once limited to corporate design firms is now widely accessible.

"The goal is to nudge

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A photo, taken about 1895, of the second Gould Academy classroom building. Built in 1881, it stood on the site of the current Hanscom Hall until 1933. Bethel Historical Society

Bethel Historical Society to oversee Gould archives

BY RANDY BENNETT

The Bethel Historical Society has entered into a collaboration with Gould Academy that will result in the long-term preservation of the "Gould Archives" - a wide-ranging collection of documents, photographs, books and objects significant to the history of the school, which was founded in 1836 as "Bethel Academy."

The archives are being placed on long-term loan to the society which, with its newly completed Mary E. Valentine Collections Wing,

is in a position to carefully monitor and maintain the archives while also making it available for display and study purposes, according to a BHS press release.

Over the past few decades, on-site supervision of the Gould archives has been carried out on a voluntary basis by James B. Owen, who was on the Gould faculty from 1958 to 1997 and was founding head of the Academy's art department. In addition to tracking down items worthy of safeguarding within the archives, Owen has spent considerable time cataloging por-

tions of the collection using PastPerfect Museum Software, the same computer-based cataloging program long utilized by the society.

During the months of March and April, Bethel Historical Society staff and volunteers coordinated with Jim Owen and Nathalie Berry, Administrative Assistant to the Head of School, while transferring the Gould Archives from crowded storage space on the third floor of Hanscom Hall to the society's recently-expanded museum facility.

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Letters

TELSTAR 9TH GRADE TO BE SHIPPED OFFSITE

To the Editor:

Kudos to Jane Ryerson for her insightful letter to the editor last week! What exactly was the school committee thinking? I'd like to have an answer to that question, for starters. If there is not a lack of space, or some other pressing reason that is hard to imagine, why in the world would the school committee make a decision to pack off the entire ninth grade without so much as a hearing, a vote of the towns or taxpayers, proper vetting of the infinite number of questions that arise with such a hasty decision, or due notice to the students or parents? It is all the more absurd considering the first time we hear a word about this proposal is within weeks of the fall school session.

Jane is right on the mark with every one of her questions and comments. These issues, plus many more need to be discussed and worked out to the satisfaction of the parents, students and let's not forget the hapless taxpayer who is footing the bill for this harebrained plan.

I find it essential to point out that a governing committee, and each person elected to that committee has an obligation to their electorate to be transparent in their dealings and in their decisions. It would seem that this would be clearly understood and not need to be stated, but it doesn't seem to be the case. This closet vote of the school committee does not stand the sniff test in that regard. Let me be clear, that not only is the issue of importance to the parents and students, but it has a huge impact on all the towns in this school district. When the school committee decides to offload anywhere between \$200,000, and the more likely \$600,000 of the school budget voted by the towns within that district, it is incumbent on the school committee and every member of that committee to make sure that the taxpayers within that district are behind that decision.

Furthermore, it might be a good idea to get a better look at the new partner with whom the school committee seems to want to jump into bed. The Bryant Pond camp has traditionally been a small, simple, conservation facility for the purpose of giving children the opportunity to enjoy the Maine summer outdoors and learn about responsible conservation principles. This is no longer the case. Over the past several years the camp has expanded their programs and facilities to include adult events and programs, extensive shooting programs including multi-day competitive adult shotgun events, and year-round programs impacting the immediate area and the surrounding lake and town. All this has been done without any transparency or public hearings. (See any consistency here?) They have found a lucrative funding source in our school budget.

The camp personnel have been largely unresponsive to the requests from neighbors to be a better neighbor, and have regularly been unreliable in the veracity of their statements to neighbors with complaints and requests, in spite of their promises. In addition, they are now supported by our tax dollars, which makes it all the more egregious that they now want to turn around and take over this tax-supported program. If any of us did that, it would be called "double dipping."

I say that this vote should be rescinded, and given the full, transparent vetting of the 5-town voters to determine the rationality of the proposal. Let's get some sanity back into the plan for the ninth grade.

It's no wonder two of our five towns want to opt out of this school system. I don't blame them.

Jan Kendrick
Bryant Pond

CONSERVATION BUILDING VERSUS TELSTAR

To the Editor:

I read and agree with Jane Ryerson's letter in the July 24 Bethel Citizen regarding Telstar Freshmen.

I wish the School Board would reconsider their vote on accepting this expensive, radical idea to bus students to Bryant Pond. When I was on the School Board for Bethel SAD 44 in the 80s, bussing students to vocational training wasn't very popular. Evidently now it is no big deal.

It is ironic that the state is trying to consolidate schools and SAD 44 is trying to eliminate Andover that they branch out to yet another facility. I can't imagine any big advantage in the conservation setting. Parents in the past were not very supportive of Outward Bound trips included in the curriculum.

I urge any concerned citizens and taxpayers supporting SAD 44 to attend the Aug. 11 School Board meeting at the Telstar Library to voice their concerns.

This vote was rammed through quickly and without any hearing for a reason. The administration was inconsiderate of the parents' and taxpayers' concerns in my opinion.

Robert Blake
Bethel

COMMUNICATE ON NINTH-GRADE PLAN

To the Editor:

Jane Ryerson's letter in the July 24 edition of The Citizen itemized many good questions, all of which, I understand, were addressed at the most recent School Board meeting. However, that meeting was attended by very few people other than the school board members.

I believe that the lesson to be taken from Mrs. Ryerson's letter is the same lesson that we all must learn as we live toward the new world of the 21st century: we must all communicate openly with each other!

I am pleased that all parents of incoming ninth grade students, along with the students themselves, were invited to a tour and information session at the Bryant Pond 4H camp last night (Wednesday). Now I hope that the School Board and Superintendent Dave Murphy (who asked 4H to make a proposal in the first place) will hold more gatherings to inform ALL who are interested in learning about SAD 44's plans to move creatively to meet the state (and federal) requirements of "proficiency based learning." Those requirements must be in place by 2018, making this freshman class the first class that will graduate under the new system.

Without fully engaging in two-way communication with our neighbors and community partners we will always be left with rumor, supposition, anger and fear, certainly not building blocks of the community to which we all aspire.

Steve Wight
Newry

SEE THE DAY LILIES

To the Editor:

I have 50-plus different day lilies in bloom at this time. If anyone would like to see them, I live on the Bear River Road in Newry. I am usually at home in the afternoon except for Sundays. All are welcome to come. If you want to be sure I am home, call 824-2844.

Norman L. Davis
Newry

MOLLYOCKETT DAYS THANKS

To the Editor:

What a fantastic MollyOckett Day weekend we had! This is the fifth year the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce has organized the event and we are grateful for the opportunity to orchestrate a weekend where generations of friends and family reunion with one another, while enjoying visiting with vendors, viewing (and participating in) the parade, taking in the wide variety of entertainment, and the fireworks show. The theme this year was "Homecoming" and I can truly say it appeared to be just that!

We are so fortunate to have the support and cooperation of dozens of business and municipal sponsors, as well as a huge cadre of volunteers. We'd never be able to pull this off without their support!

Many thanks to this year's Presenting Sponsor Mahoosuc Realty & Rentals. Cindy Hiebert and Ron Savage went above and beyond in their support of this important community event! Additional thanks to the following whose generosity made the day possible: Town of Bethel, Maine Community Foundation, Northeast Bank, DuraLife Decking/Integrity Composites, TransCanada, Pepsi Beverages Company, Nadeau Development, Maine Mineral & Gem Museum, River View Resort, Community Energy, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Dead River Company, Bethel Rotary Club, Bennett Automotive, Bethel Family Health Center, All Doyles Cleaning Service/Harvest Carpentry and River Valley Healthy Communities. Thanks to the Fireworks Sponsors who provided a top-notch show! Town of Bethel, Atlas Pyrovision, Towns of Greenwood, Newry and Woodstock, Leslie B. Otten, Franklin Savings Bank, Good Food Store, Smokin' Good BBQ, Oxford Federal Credit Union, Rosemary and John Laban, Doug Zinchuk Roofing, Bonney and James Fogg. Donors to both MollyOckett Day and the MollyOckett Day Classic include: Sun Media, Dunkin' Donuts, Pine Tree Waste/Casella Recycling, Gould Academy, Bethel Inn Resort/Allen and Mame Connors, Mt. Abram Ski Area, 22 Broad Street @ Gideon Hastings House, Nabos, Pat's Pizza, Mallard Mart, True North Adventureware, ChoSun, S.S. Milton, BIG Adventure Center, Conant Meats & Produce, Bethel Shop & Save, West Parish Congregational Church, the Bethel Historical Society, Ripley & Fletcher Ford and Sport Thoma.

Oh what a group of volunteers we had to help us! First, I want to thank the organizing committee who met over the past year to plan for the event: Maggie Kroenke, Sara Hemeon, Arla Patch, Dave Scanlan, Aranka Matolcsy, Maisey Griffin and Lloyd Sweetser. Set-up and Clean-up helpers: Maggie Kroenke, Lloyd Sweetser, Gould Academy guys, Dave Scanlan, Hiram Towle, Doug, Matt, Brian and Kevin Zinchuk, Ron Savage, Matt Zetts, Fred Johnson, Jim Grover, Pat Hentschel and Lenny Giberson. Office helpers: Kelly Jackson, Sarah Southam, and Rosemary Laban; Saturday helpers on the common: Hiram Towle, Dave Scanlan, Maggie Kroenke, Lloyd Sweetser, Dave Freiday, Kelly and Zach Stone, Diana Petrakos, Paula and Travis Wheeler, Callie Pecunies, Sally Sawyer, Sister Banda, Sister Bergeson; Saturday road guards: Savanna Patenaude, Rosemary Laban, Kim Sparks, Glen Holmes, Suzanne Marshall; Parade: Sara Hemeon, Lloyd Sweetser, Maisey Griffin, Scott Lane, Randy Bennett, Janet Willie, Denise Morse, AmeriCorps volunteers; Emcee: Chad McGrew; Race help: Jonathan Goldberg, Zach Stone, Kelly Stone, Gabi Stone, Maggie Loré, Ann Speth, Bruce Barrett, Anne Marie Mahar, Mike Cooper, Diana Petrakos, Mike Broderick, Bill Strauss, Michelle Mador, Noelle Gauthier, Rose Lincoln, Anne Marie Mahar, Amanda Moran.

We are already beginning our planning for MollyOckett Days 2015. If you have any suggestions or would like to join our committee, please call or stop in to the chamber office.

Robin Zinchuk, Executive Director
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

WE ALL SHOULD SHARE THE BURDEN

To the Editor:

I have to admit that there is a degree of moral and ethical merit in Mr. Grover's "Sharing the Burden" story, but then to proceed to reference the unemployed, those on food stamps, those disabled and anyone less fortunate than ourselves to be a burden would have to be regarded as an exercise in hypocrisy.

I would have to point out to Mr. Grover that in reality it is indeed the Donkey that is carrying the load while the Elephant is content in doing nothing but finding fault with the way the Donkey is bearing the full burden by itself.

It is an indisputable fact that the prime driving catalyst for a flourishing and vibrant economy is money in the hands of those who are compelled by necessity to spend it for the sake of subsistence. For anyone including myself who are in a comfortable economic circumstance to regard those who are not as being decadent discards would be to visit upon ourselves the image of being self-indulgent, self-centered and uncaring.

Don Chase
Bethel

STUMBLING INTO WAR?

To the Editor:

Recent events evoke disturbing comparisons to events in Eastern Europe both in 1914 and in 1939, years in which war broke out in Europe. Today, as in 1914, we had an unrealistically pacifistic President who relied on a "sense of common humanity." (Read the commentary on page 25 of Aug. 6, 2014 "Time" magazine. Then, after two small Eastern European countries declared war over an assassination of a member of a royal family, the rest of Europe stumbled into WWI, eventually dragging the US into it.

In 1939 Hitler's Germany decided to "assimilate" ethnic Germans in Austria and what is now Yugoslavia, British Prime Minister Chamberlain reached an agreement with Hitler where Hitler promised not to invade Poland. Now, we have Vladimir Putin annexing Crimea and now attempting to take over eastern Ukraine, claiming the right to "reclaim those areas for the ethnic Russians who live there," or words to that effect.

Now, we have a President who tells Putin to "Get serious" about ending hostilities in Ukraine. ("Time" Briefing, Page 14). Fox News on July 28 reported that President Obama sent a letter directly to Putin accusing him of violating part of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (Signed by President Reagan and President Gorbachev). Apparently the Russians have launched at least one long range cruise missile since 2008. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon and the commander of NATO forces in Europe both stated that this violation must not go unchallenged (or words to that effect).

Crunch time! Given President Obama's total lack of credibility among just about all our allies and certainly with Putin, are we about to hear about another meaningless "Red Line?" Is this another Chamberlain moment?

Richard Grover
Mason

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN NICKERSON

10 years ago: Judith Whitman, Ed.D, was hired as the new principal of the Crescent Park School.

Five cattle owned by Leslie Robertson of Newry were killed when struck by lightning in the pasture at Sunset Farm, Bethel.

Deaths: Eugene Merrill, Eleanor M. MacMunn, Agnes A. Dixon, Herbert H. Bean.

20 years ago: James William Bonney of Bethel Boy Scout Troop No. 565 was inducted as an Eagle Scout in a court of honor.

Sudden heavy rainfall washed out culverts on a Sunday River Ski Resort work road spilling dirt into Merrill Brook and silting the Sunday River.

Births: Zachary Joseph Parsons, Erica Lynn Boulanger.

Deaths: Ione F. Douglas, Eva Schindler-Rainman.

30 years ago: About 60 people attended an open house at the Bethel Post Office to observe the inner workings of the local outlet of the U.S. Postal Service.

An auction to benefit the parsonage fund at the Locke's Mills church brought in \$760.

Births: Seth Comenga Bailey, Sadie Ann Cole, Ryan Neal Coolidge, Tyler Harrison Cummings, Caroline Flynn Raymond, Erica Lynn Tripp.

Deaths: Stanley E. Hakala, John W. Mitchell.

40 years ago: Guest Officers Night was observed at Bear River Grange with 33 members and guests attending.

Four new signs, sponsored by the Greater Bethel Chamber of Commerce, had been erected at the entrances to Bethel.

Births: James Murphy, Jr., Daniel Morrill Baker. Deaths: Edwin R. Knight, B. Frank Emery, Harold F. Bennett, Floyd M. Pulk, Jr., Craig A. Rainey.

50 years ago: Due to the unusually low level of the reservoir the Bethel Water Company prohibited the use of lawn sprinklers and hand hoses.

The Teen Council sponsored a street dance at the Gould parking lot. Admission was 35¢.

Birth: Karen Carter Bean.

Death: Stephen Abbott.

60 years ago: Col. James Alger was appointed chief of staff for the newly reactivated Fourth Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Cates celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Deaths: Ross I. Knapp, Dayton Merrill.

70 years ago: The building housing the shavings baling machinery of the P.H. Chadbourne & Co., South Bethel, was burned. Two railway cars, one empty and one loaded with baled shavings, were badly burned.

Twenty-one from Newry were serving in the armed forces.

80 years ago: Severe drought conditions were prevalent.

Carmino Onofrio rebuilt a Curtis Robin and was making flights from the West Bethel airport.

Deaths: Capt. David Godfrey U.S.A., Rev. David B. Holt.

90 years ago: Frost was reported on the lowlands in several places in Bethel.

A crew was working on the new concrete bridge over Alder River.

Eli Stearns added a large piazza to his residence (later Bragdon's Apartments) on Main Street.

W.R. Chapman sold his Shelburne, N.H. property to Dr. Frank Gordon of Bangor.

100 years ago: The Universalist Society's annual Church Fair held in the Universalist Chapel netted over \$200.

The price of milk was raised to 7¢ a quart by the Bethel Dairying Association.

Death: Mrs. Hannah C. Ordway.

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ity on nearby Broad Street. Currently being inventoried, items in the Gould Archives parallel the society's own holdings relating to the school's past. To mark this preservation effort, the so-

ciety plans to open a short-term exhibition of selected items from the archives to coincide with the school's Alumni Weekend, which will take place from Sept. 26 through 28.

MANAGER

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can be found (see related information in Family Dollar story), he said, "we should ask the sheriff to do more enforcement."

Selectman Pat Carter said she supported the idea. But, added Bennett, if enforcement is stepped up the complaints would likely then shift to the other end of the spectrum. "Three or four weeks after they show more of a presence, the shoe will be on the other foot," he said.

Bennett also said he had heard negative feedback about comments by Sheriff Wayne Gallant at the July 14 board meeting regarding a trial cutback of police coverage during early morning hours, when there are few calls.

Gallant had said that this spring, before former Town Manager Jim Doar left for a new job, they had agreed to scale back staffing on a trial basis during that time period for economic reasons. Gallant said that to call out a day deputy special for incidents during that time costs about \$1,500 annually in overtime, while keeping someone on duty would cost about \$9,360 a year. He added that the trial schedule has also allowed him to move deputies around to better target high volume call times in other parts of the day.

But Bennett said Monday that people had told him they thought they had voted for 24/7 coverage, acknowledging that coverage during lighter volume call hours might be provided by supervising officers filling in.

And, he said, some residents told him they thought a decision on cutting back coverage "should be their call."

Carter said she had heard comments to the effect, "We pay 24/7, why aren't we getting it?"

Carter, Bennett and Chairman Stan Howe added that they had not been aware of the trial arrangement. Bennett speculated that the plan "was perhaps something that was going to be passed on to us, but never was."

Had it been, he said, the board could have decided whether to pass it on to voters for consideration.

Interim Town Manager Steve Eldridge said he would

talk to Gallant about both Mayville enforcement and the trial cutback issue.

(Contacted later for comment on the coverage issue, Gallant said it had been his understanding the schedule "was fine with the town." He said it could easily be changed back to what it had been before. "It just lessens the coverage in the busy hours when a deputy has to bring a prisoner to Paris, then we end up like it used to be with the [Bethel] PD ... no coverage for an hour plus," he said. "The way we have been doing it, the change of hours gives us an opportunity to have extra coverage with our utility deputy.")

Sign enforcement
Bennett offered comments of his own on sign ordinance enforcement. Noting there are "hundreds" of violations, he said Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Warden, who is now full-time, should be able to devote more time to the issue. Eldridge said that is already happening.

Bennett said he had had a few conversations in the community about violations. He said despite the number of offenses, "you hear virtually nothing from anybody other than from someone who is perhaps connected to a competing business or has some interest in the ordinance. It makes us wonder how much restriction we really need."

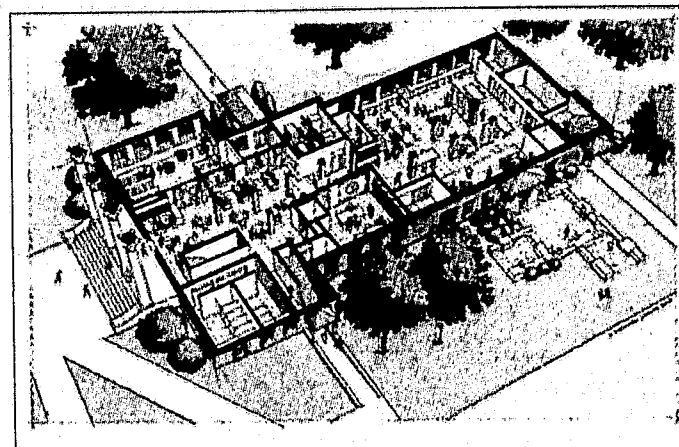
He suggested the town might seek input on what aspects of the code are generally most unpopular and change them over time.

Eldridge said a sign ordinance committee will likely be reformed this fall, noting he has heard from two businesspeople who were not on the earlier committee (which drafted amendments now in place) and are interested in participating.

In other business the board approved the purchase of a new dump truck body with associated equipment for \$69,395 and the purchase of a new plow truck chassis (upgraded from the original request) for \$86,945. The additional cost of about \$2,200 is anticipated to be made up through the sale of the old plow truck for up to \$10,000, Eldridge said.

MAKERSPACE

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An artist's rendering of the future floor plan of Hanscom Hall's lower level shows the new bookstore, mailroom, and student center in the front of the building (left side of drawing), with the IDEAS Center toward the rear.

Drawing by C. Michael Lewis

kids to start using what they're learning in the classroom to create. Students actually learn a creative process," she said. "They learn to listen to what people are looking for, and figure out how to make it."

Shiffrin said the IDEAS Center will put a strong emphasis on social entrepreneurship, encouraging students to use technology to solve social problems, rather than focusing on profit.

"If we've just created another tchotchke, we haven't moved the culture at all," she said. "That's the message we want to give our students."

The school is studying ways that the new facility can be used by the wider community. "We hope that this facility promotes that cross-sector breeding, for a more collective impact," said Shiffrin.

Gould's move toward the creation of a "makerspace" began two years ago, after Shiffrin toured the Innovation Lab at the Nueva School in Hillsboro, California.

"The Nueva School has been a leader in bringing design thinking to the high school level," she said. "It's something that was formerly reserved for the collegiate level."

The IDEAS Center at Gould was begun with a pilot program consisting of a start-up makerspace, currently located in one room of the Sanborn Family Library, where Maker-in-Residence Billy Ayotte facilitates students' use of design equipment. The renovation of Hanscom Hall will expand the concept, providing an open studio space where up to 50 students at a time can work independently, with faculty members, or in

small groups.

"We will have a space for students to innovate, where we can teach the process for creativity and design," said Shiffrin. "We'll have the physical tools they need to build things, like hammers and saws, as well as a fully equipped digital prototyping space."

In fact, older Gould alumni may be interested to learn that the physical design-and-build studio, where students will have access to traditional tools like hammers, saws, and drill presses, will occupy the same area in Hanscom Hall's lower level that once housed the school's woodworking shop.

The IDEAS Center will also include a soundproof media room for audio and visual recording.

Most interior walls have been removed to let in natural light and create an open design area. Moveable white boards will provide display and design surfaces, and also allow the space to be configured as needed.

Aeronautics and robotics teacher Randy Autrey will conduct classes in the IDEAS Center, where his students will have ready access to the tools and technology they need to complete hands-on class projects. The facilities will not be limited to use by students enrolled in certain classes, however.

"Randy has been an early adopter of ways that students can use the IDEAS Center without being enrolled in a class [that meets there]," Shiffrin said.

"Some students have a full plate of core courses and AP courses," Autrey explained. "That means they can't take every course, so we try to meet them with new programs



Last month, workers removed the interior walls from the lower level of Gould Academy's Hanscom Hall, creating a large open space that will become home to the school's IDEAS Center.

Dirk MacKnight/Gould Academy

called modules, or maker mods."

Autrey started the school's first maker mod to teach students how to make and fly remote control airplanes.

"These are made from a PDF file we print from using our new 2D printer," he said. "We also used the 3D plastic printer to make motor mounts and legs."

Autrey and his students have also been able to create a drone quadcopter from scrap that can fly while carrying an ultracompact camera for aerial photography.

"The point is that our new IDEAS Center is an open door and a whole new world of possibility thinking," he said. "It's amazing to give students basic tools and watch the ideas unfold. One of my former students made a ramjet engine from a plan he saw on the Internet and was published in an international magazine."

New student center

In addition to the IDEAS Center, the newly renovated space will be home to a new school store, a mailroom, and a student center, which will provide a gathering place for snacking and socializing.

"There were two very intentional choices made in deciding where to locate the IDEAS Center," said Gould Director of Advancement Jeff Candura. "We wanted it to be next to the social space, and we wanted it here in Hanscom Hall, in the center of campus."

He said it was important to have the IDEAS Center, the library, and the classrooms all readily accessible from the student center, because collaborative design work often begins with casual conversations when students meet up socially.

Two new entrances to the first floor will provide access from opposite sides of the building. A multi-level stone terrace with outdoor seating is planned for the south side, facing the McLaughlin Science Center.

The narrow day student lockers that have long occupied the first floor of Hanscom Hall are gone. Instead, day students will use new lockers with nearly four times the capacity, located in a new day student commons in the lower level of Ordway Hall. That space will be available for use by the start of the school year in September, said Candura.

Green choices

All of the design choices for the renovation were made with sustainability in mind. LED lighting will be used throughout, and the building will be converted from an inefficient single-zone steam heating system to a multi-zone hot water system. Green flooring products and bathroom fixtures will be used, and a water-bottle filling station will encourage the use of reusable water bottles.

The architect for the Hanscom Hall project is Scott Simons of Portland, who designed the renovation of the Sanborn Family Library in 2012. Peter Warren of Warren Construction Group in Freeport is the construction manager.

"We have tried to source materials locally whenever possible," said Shiffrin, "and Maine labor is being used in the renovation. We even have cushions for some of the furniture being sewn by an 81-year-old upholsterer in Minot."

Plans call for the renovation of Hanscom Hall's lower level to be completed by January.

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Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252
a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on August 11, 2014 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License renewal from HomeLife Pizza, located at 188 Main St. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org

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MONDAY
AUGUST 5, 2014
7:00PM

Article: "Do you favor filing a petition for withdrawal with the board of directors of regional school unit MSAD #44 Telstar Regional High School and with the Commissioners of Education, authorizing the withdrawal committee to expend \$50,000 and authorizing the municipal officers to issue notes in the name of the Town of Newry or otherwise pledge the credit of the Town of Newry in the amount not to exceed \$50,000 for this purpose? Yes No"

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Mahoosuc Band 20th anniversary concert

Mahoosuc Community Band is 20 years old and is celebrating with a summer concert Aug. 11, 7 p.m. at West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel. Ellen Whitney and Brian Dunham, current president, are two members of the original band who are still playing trombone and trumpet.

The band, initially called Mahoosuc Music Makers, started in 1994 when Ellen Whitney and Rhonda Buker noticed the lack of a local band in the area for Memorial Day activities. Telstar Regional High School had dropped the music program due to budget cuts and Whitney, Buker and Brian Dunham and several others felt the lack of music in the region. Initially instruments and music were used from the former school program so adults could gather to have fun and play music. A group of about 12 people started meeting in June of that year trying to figure out ways to get a hold of the Telstar music, find a director and start rehearsals with a goal of being in the Mollyockett Day Parade that very year. The first director was Jonathan Smith. Another past director was the late Ernie Downs, and currently Patricia Boyle-Wight. Members come



Original band members Ellen Whitney and Brian Dunham still enjoy playing music with Mahoosuc Community Band. The upcoming concert is Monday, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. at West Parish Congregational Church. Jane Chandler

from Bethel, Dixfield, Hanover, Woodstock, Greenwood, Berlin, N.H., and Waterford. All ages are welcome, from those in middle school or high school through more senior citizens. The band is now called the Mahoosuc Community Band and rehearsals are Monday nights from 7 to 8:45 in the basement of West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel.

Tom Davis, retired Director of Music at Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church, wrote and arranged The Wallace March to celebrate

the 20th anniversary of the Mahoosuc Community Band. He first wrote this music as a hymn in 2005 for the church to help remember their new Mission Statement. The church had just created a new mission statement, and I wanted to give them a way to remember it. Davis added instrumental parts each time they sang it until it became almost fully orchestrated. Davis re-wrote the song as a march for the Mahoosuc Community Band.

Songs for this concert include Trombone Tiger

Rag arranged by Chris Sharp, Fairest of the Fair by John Phillips Sousa, The Ludlows arranged by Sean O'Loughlin featuring Liz Smith on the piano, Fiddle-Fiddle by Leroy Anderson featuring Scott Hynek on the marimba, Saint Louis Blues arranged by Jerry Nowak, In the Shining of the Stars by Robert Sheldon, Battle Hymn of the Republic, Broadway Journey arranged by James Christensen, The Girl I Left Behind Me arranged by Leroy Anderson, The Muppet Show theme by Jim Henson and arranged by Paul Murtha. Student conductors Simon Smith and Samantha Tibbetts will each direct two numbers.

The concert is Monday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. and all are welcome. Donations accepted at the door to defray the cost of music and the director. Refreshments will be served following the concert. The band has put together photos of performances throughout the years. Please come and celebrate with the band and enjoy a great evening of music.

For more information contact president, Brian Dunham at velvet_hollow_sugar_hollow@yahoo.com or director, Patricia Boyle-Wight at pboylewight@ants.edu

TOWER

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At the end of the meeting Planning Assistant Sarah Tucker told Turner of his right to appeal the decision to the Appeals Board. Asked after the meeting if he would, Turner replied he could not comment at this time.

BIG FOOT

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Eli Mann holds the book on Big Foot trucks that he bought at a CPS book fair in 1987. With him is his significant other, Bethany. The truck is behind them. A. Aloisio

heavy weights on a sled and driving over junk cars to crush them, in the shortest time possible.

Mann's passion for the trucks and the sport stayed with him into high school. When he got his driver's license he bought a Big Foot cruiser, which is a street-legal replica of the big-tire trucks.

Mann also did two Telstar Career Week experiences at the home of the Big Foot company in St. Louis, Mo.

After high school, he continued his involvement with the company while he worked at his full-time job with the Bethel Highway Department.

"In 2003 I worked with Big Foot at the Ford 100th anniversary celebration in Dearborn, Michigan," said Mann.

In 2005 he acquired a former 1974 Big Foot truck that most recently had been used as "shop pickup" to haul parts and plow snow at the company headquarters. For that use it had a different body and standard tires on it.

In its original form, Mann said, the truck was the tallest, widest and heaviest Big Foot of the time.

Early this year an opportunity came along to buy the truck on the cover of his childhood book.

That truck no longer had the original body, but it had left the Big Foot company for private ownership in 2000 with the original engine and frame, Mann said.

Built in 1983, the truck

was known as Big Foot 3, and was unveiled at a competition in the Pontiac Silverdome in Detroit sporting four huge tires on each axle.

"It was the first time anyone had ever put eight 66-inch tires on a truck," said Mann.

It was also the first truck to appear in a movie, he said — "Police Academy 2."

The truck was used for shows and competitions, touring around the world, Mann said.

It went up for sale initially online. Mann said he knew the owner and was able to get a good price.

Shipped here from Utah, the vehicle arrived in late March.

The truck, currently with a 1991 body, is 10 feet tall, weighs about 14,500 pounds. Each tire weighs 900 pounds, and together with the wheel totals 1,300 pounds, Mann said.

It gets about 3 miles to the gallon.

Mann drove the Big Foot in the Mollyockett Day parade. "I got a lot of 'wows,'" said Mann.

He has some big plans for the big truck for the future.

"Starting in November I'm taking it apart and rebuilding it," he said. He has bought a 1983 Ford F-250 body — the same as the original — to put on it.

"I hope to have it restored and functional for the Big Foot 40th anniversary Open House in St. Louis next year," he said.

DOLLAR

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from the west on Route 2 on the overpass would not have time to stop once they saw the light.

But worries about pedestrian safety, he said, could be addressed by putting sidewalks on both sides of the road on Route 2 from the overpass to the area of Bethel Bicycle. He also said just the presence of sidewalks can have the effect of slowing traffic.

Eldridge said he had heard from shop owners in the area that there is a lot of foot traffic, including Gould Academy students.

"If the store goes in you'll have foot traffic there as well," he said.

The plan also called for a crosswalk to the east of the intersection, possibly with lights that would allow pedestrians to stop traffic for a short time, and decorative lighting to generally improve lighting in the area. Eldridge

said statistics show the serious accidents over the years have taken place at night.

He also said MDOT might return for a traffic count in October or November, closer to ski season (they do not do counts in the winter, he said, because the equipment does not work well).

Eldridge said he could bring the sidewalk proposal to an upcoming selectmen's meeting, seeking funding for the project in the next town budget.

As part of that plan, Family Dollar had tentatively agreed to install a sidewalk along its road frontage.

But after some discussion planners decided it would be unfair to ask the company, especially this late in the application process, to put in a sidewalk when no other businesses in the area had been asked to.

The lone dissenter was Ginger Kelly, who said she did not think it was an unreasonable request.

(Note: At Monday's selectmen's meeting Eldridge described the town sidewalk plan briefly but did not propose it for the near future, saying planners had decided not to consider the sidewalk recommendation. Instead, he said, the town might look at other options such as improved signage, possibly including flashing lights, placed farther away from the intersection to warn of its presence.)

Planning Board approval

After voting down a sidewalk requirement for Family Dollar, the planners went on to consider the site plan review requirements. Despite the concerns about traffic safety for vehicles coming in and out of the store,

they had decided at a previous meeting that a separate traffic study from one already done by MDOT would not provide significant new information.

At last week's meeting, noting a driveway permit for the store had been granted by MDOT, they voted 4-1 with Kelly opposed that the project would not cause unreasonable highway congestion or unsafe conditions.

As for aesthetics, Family Dollar representative Mac Simpson presented a new drawing showing a facade with windows and shutters, a new roofline, the name of the store on the front illuminated by gooseneck lights, and new landscaping that softens the appearance of the parking area. The planners approved it, and went on to approve the overall project.

The store is expected to be completed next year.

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The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD



The other day I was looking through some old discarded pocket books that I had saved, though I'm not sure why. My rummaging was prompted by the need for two quarters to complete a full roll.

I found a bunch of pennies, two dimes, cough drops, life savers, a nail file and my lucky rabbit's foot, which did not bring me any luck in finding two quarters. However, I decided to attach the rabbit's foot to the pocket book that I'm currently using.

I am not a superstitious person, or at least I don't think I am, but for whatever reason I have had this lucky rabbit's foot for many years. It didn't prove to be very lucky for the rabbit it was once attached to so I don't know why I thought it would be lucky for me and yet I still have it after all these years.

Did it ever bring me any luck? Who's to say? If I was a superstitious person which I'm not I would think that everything that was good that happened to me was because of my lucky rabbit's foot.

I do remember years ago as a teenager caressing my lucky rabbit's foot with the hope of getting the attention of a certain boy. It sort of worked

because I did get his attention. He told me he thought I was weird for caressing a stupid lucky rabbit's foot.

Another time when my daughter was a teenager she was a guest flutist with a symphony orchestra. I clung to that lucky rabbit's foot throughout her entire performance and she played flawlessly and received a standing ovation. If I was a superstitious person which I'm

I am not a superstitious person, or at least I don't think I am

not I would have attributed her success to the lucky rabbit's foot rather than her talent.

I also knocked on wood as the concert started, so who knows what luck I bestowed on her. I do seem to knock on wood quite often even though I don't believe there is any power in it because I'm not a superstitious person.

After all, I do knock on wood every time I buy a lottery ticket and I've never won. Well, I did win \$1,000 once and if I was a superstitious person, which I don't think I am, I would have believed

it was because I knocked on wood and caressed my lucky rabbit's foot.

Keeping my fingers crossed has never brought me any luck either. Though I did have my fingers crossed when I was in labor with my first child hoping it would be a boy. In fact, I had them crossed so hard toward the end of the big contractions that I darn near broke them, but I did give birth to a boy. If I was a superstitious person which I'm not I would think that crossing my fingers had something to do with it.

I don't walk under ladders, not because I'm a superstitious person because I'm not, but I am a cautious person. You just never know when a bucket of paint will come crashing down on your head.

I just found a 2014 shiny penny on the floor heads up. I'm putting it in my pocket and I'm going to buy a lottery ticket. I'm also going to take my lucky rabbit's foot, knock on wood and cross my fingers too.

No, I'm not a superstitious person, but the way I see it you just never know when some lucky charms can help to make it your lucky day and I need all the luck I can get.

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Citizen profiles:

Nancy Willard of Bryant Pond, active in retirement

BY ROSABELLE TIFFT

Nancy Willard spent the early part of her life in Bryant Pond before her family moved to Bethel. It is where she has also lived in her retirement.

Nancy attended Gould Academy and earned her degree in Physical Education from Russell-Sage College, in Troy, N. Y. She went on to teach for a year at Pueblo, Colo., and then another year at Jack Junior High School in Portland, before teaching at a junior/senior high school in Peru, N.Y., for eight years. While there, she earned a Master's Degree in Guidance from the State University of New York at Plattsburg.

She returned to Maine and taught for a year at Bates College in Lewiston. She accepted a position at the University of Maine in Portland, (now known as the University of Southern Maine) in 1969, and held her position until her retirement in 1997.

In 1991 she bought land on Lake Christopher, and hired Homer Farnum to build her chalet. She enjoyed most of her three-day weekends from work at home until she retired.

Nancy appreciates the quiet and peacefulness of her home on Lake Christopher where she and Buddy can just relax and enjoy the views.

Since retiring Nancy has been very active volunteering in the community.

She assisted with Maine Handicapped Skiing at Sunday River, taught skiing at Mount Abram, and even taught ballroom dancing for charity events until her activities were curtailed due to arthritis. She has developed a stretching and exercise class for seniors, which is held at the Whitman Memorial Library from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays and open to anyone interested without charge.

She keeps in contact with other seniors as a member of the Bethel Se-



Nancy Willard

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nior Citizens Club. She also enjoys swimming in the pool at the Mollycodd Motel, Democratic Party activities, her dog, Buddy, and family and friends.

Her interest in history led her to join the Woodstock Historical Society and become involved in the upcoming celebration of the Woodstock Bicentennial.

Nancy said two of the bicentennial committees have already started working. Vern Maxfield, town manager, heads the Town Bicentennial Committee, and Nancy heads a Bicentennial Calendar Committee for the historical society. Her committee, which includes Susan Ellis and Joyce Howe, is selecting pictures from the historical society's archives for the calendar. They are also calling on the community to come up with dates from the past of any special community or family events. She said the calendar is a good opportunity to convey the history of Woodstock. The calendar will be going on sale at the opening bicentennial celebration in early 2015 as a souvenir collector's item.

She is also passionate about her church,

the Universalist in West Paris, and is involved in planning about four services a year as a member of the Worship Committee.

"My dog, Buddy, a King Charles Cavalier Spaniel, goes to church with me and quietly observes the services, but he especially likes the cheese treats at coffee hour," she said.

Travels to Russia
Nancy has always enjoyed traveling and made two trips to Europe and California, and many other places including Canada and Florida.

Her most unforgettable and memorable trip was a visit to a friend in Russia. She traveled there in 1992, at the end of the Cold War when the communist were losing control of Russia.

While teaching at the University of Southern Maine (USM), she met a Russian exchange professor, Valentina Goleseva, a member of the Greater Portland/Russian City Sister Project, who was teaching Russian at USM. Nancy saw a picture of Valentina with an article in the USM faculty newsletter suggesting that one might invite her to visit other parts of Maine. Nancy invited her to Bryant Pond for a visit. Valentina enjoyed

seeing this part of Maine in the winter and cross country skiing, and the two became friends. She returned to Nancy's home for another visit in the summer and invited her to visit Russia.

Nancy explained that the Sister City Project, known as "The Archangel Committee," was organized 26 years ago to promote friendship and understanding between the people of Portland and the City of Archangel in Russia. It resulted in the "Treaty of Friendly Ties," where delegates from Portland go to Russia and Russian delegates come to Portland as a people-to-people cultural exchange. Some members of the Archangel Committee have made several trips to Russia. Nancy learned that the items the Russian people wanted more than anything else were blue jeans, and she brought a supply of them to Russia as a gift.

Valentina met Nancy in St. Petersburg, Russia, and the two of them spent a few days touring the area. Nancy learned that the city had been known as Leningrad from 1924 through 1991, as a memorial to Lenin. In 1991, as a result of a city-wide referendum, the name was changed back to St. Petersburg. Nancy said it is the cultural center of Russia and the site of the Hermitage, a world famous art museum, which she toured. Another impressive tour was her trip to the summer home of Peter the Great, which was also used by the U.S. Army in World War II.

Valentina and Nancy continued by plane to Archangel, located in Northern Russia, near Finland. Nancy was amazed at the vast forest lands where there were only train tracks in sight and no roads. With Valentina as her guide, she had a first-hand look at the City of Archangel, which has a population of 350,000 and a climate similar to Alaska. She observed the lack of cars and roads, and found that the people depend on public transpor-

tation. She also observed that there were still sidewalks made of wood, and some "wooden" houses even though the Russians tore many of them down to erect high-rise buildings. Valentina had just moved from her mother's house to one of them.

What struck Nancy in learning about the recent history of Archangel was the fact that the Russians had done away with many of the churches, but she did see that one large cathedral remained. She learned that a local craftsman obtained financial support from a group of people and spent several years creating a miniature

model city with all the churches in place. It became a treasured museum piece. Nancy found it fascinating that he had taken so much time to demonstrate what had been taken from the people. She admired the enduring spirit of the Russian people and found them to be very friendly and supportive of each other.

Nancy continues to communicate with Valentina by e-mail. Nancy keeps her informed of English words that may have different meanings, humorous play on words and the like so she can share them with her students.

OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, July 22

At 8:33 a.m. a report was received of inappropriate stickers being attached inside port-a-potties in the Bethel area. Deputy Andy Whitney was assigned.

At 6:44 p.m. a caller reported a seeing-eye dog was attacked on Elm Street. The animal control officer was notified.

Wednesday, July 23

At 8:20 a.m. Deputy Chris McAllister assisted the Richmond Police Department with a harassment complaint in Bethel.

Thursday, July 24

At 3:50 p.m. a Bethel business reported an irate, intoxicated customer. Deputy Willie Nelson was assigned.

Friday, July 25

At 2:38 p.m. a caller requested to speak to an officer regarding an ongoing harassment issue. Deputy Andy Whitney was assigned.

At 3:17 p.m. a Bethel resident reported shots fired from across the river. Deputy Dave Hodgson responded and could not locate anyone shooting.

At 7:24 p.m. a report was received of a vehicle rolling into water in Greenwood while a subject was trying to load a boat. Deputy Nathan Bowie responded. The vehicle was towed out.

Saturday, July 26

At 10:29 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman investigated the theft of a coin jar on High Street in Bethel.

Sunday, July 27

At 6:52 p.m. a report was received of a vehicle on Route 26 nearly running the complainant off the road. Deputies were not able to locate it.

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The application and supporting documentation will be available for review at the Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ) DEP offices in Augusta, (207) 287-2437, during normal working hours. A copy of the application and supporting documentation will also be available at the municipal office in Bethel, Maine.

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Bethel

By DONALD G. BENNETT



Family Dollar site plan OK; cell tower plan not OK. Sidewalk plan introduced

Family Dollar representatives presented changes and landscape plan to the Bethel Planning Board last night. After going through the final stage of planning checklist items, the board voted to approve the Family Dollar site plan. Construction of a new store would not begin until next year.

Town Manager Eldridge attended the first part of the meeting to discuss further efforts pointed at traffic and pedestrian safety. MDOT told him that the case for a red, yellow and green traffic signal is out because the Mayville Road-Parkway Road intersection is too close to the Route 2 bridge over the railroad. What was proposed is a limited sidewalk plan.

The sidewalk plan in mind would include both sides of Mayville Road from the bridge on the east side and from the Mahoosuc Land Trust on the west side to the Dunkin' Donuts/Big Apple site. Possibly a pedestrian crossing with a traffic stop light could be included in the plan at some point between Dunkin' Donuts and Family Dollar - Pat's Pizzeria. To build new sidewalks as suggested would involve town-MDOT coordination. Another important factor is the town budget.

Oxford Networks cell tower application was discussed for over 45 minutes as the Planning Board checklist was worked down. The mathematical factors which failed were size of tower and small size of property lot. One of the humorous elements was tower spoilage of the public's view. Sarah Tucker pointed out that the 1998 Comprehensive Plan does not, repeat not, mention towers. The plan's focus was saving views of the mountains as seen from the village.

Another tower plan deficit was the tower's impact on the village scene. Since the tower would be visible from the Bethel Historic District and from Elm Street, its structure would be at odds with the overall old New England image Bethel intends to preserve.

New Timber Frame Building at Bryant Pond 4-H Camp

Sunday afternoon Ashton and I visited the open house for the 4-H Camp's newest building on campus - timber frame/hand jointed. It is built and shaped like a timber frame barn but will become a classroom with a climbing wall and other student facilities. Ryder Scott, Program Director was host with Chris Barstow of Specialty Timberworks who supplied the timbers and Steve Pelletier the actual builder present. Nancy Brown and I were there to collect news of the event.

Afterwards we made a quick tour of the camp's center where a group of young campers made a sharp contrast with an old (maybe 1880s) gateway nearby. Mr. Scott explained that

Busy month for Oxford County Democrats



Callie Pecunies for House 117's float captured first prize in the Molly Ockett Day parade in Bethel. Submitted photo

The Oxford County Democrats had a busy month with parades, festivals, and a special nominating caucus for County Commissioner 3 with Lee Holman of Hartford being selected as the replacement candidate.

The July 4 weekend featured appearances by candidates in several parades.

The July 3 parade in Jay featured Senator John Patrick accompanying Congressman Mike Michaud, Shenna Bellows for US Senate, Senator Emily Cain for Congressional District 2. On July 4, Senator Patrick and House candidate Denise Whitley were in the Waterford Parade after enjoying breakfasts in North Lovell and Waterford. Colin O'Neill and Claire Cummings drove the truck with candidate signs in the Denmark

parade, and then in the Bridgton parade where they were accompanied by Rep. Lisa Villa and State Senate candidate Rose Rogers-Wells.

The nominating caucus to fill a vacancy on the November ballot was held on Sunday, July 6 at the South Paris Democratic office in Market Square. Lee Holman of Hartford was the unanimous choice of the attendees. Holman is a selectman in Hartford and a long-time member of the Oxford County Budget Committee.

On July 11, the Ossipee Valley Fair was attended by Rep. Helen Rankin of Hiram, Senate candidate Rose Rogers-Wells of Brownfield, County Treasurer Roy Gedat, and Senator John Parick. The Norway Art Festival was the focus of activity on July 12, with

the Oxford County Democrats booth located on Main Street with candidates Bob Kirchherr of Paris for House, Dennise Whitley of Norway for House, Rose Rogers-Wells of Brownfield for Senate, Lee Holman of Hartford for Commissioner, and County Treasurer Roy Gedat greeting prospective voters.

Molly Ockett Day in Bethel on July 19 was highlighted by multiple parade entries with the Callie Pecunies for State Representative 117 float capturing first prize with a tractor pulling a flatbed with children and families costumed to represent the many activities that represented Homecoming. In addition to the prize-winning float, the Democrats were represented by Senator John Patrick's truck with many candidate signs, as

well as a good number of folks marching with signs. Simultaneously, the Oxford County Democrats were participating in the Lovell Old Home Days parade with Senator Patrick, Rep. Helen Rankin, Treasurer Roy Gedat, accompanied by Lovell Democrats, doing the honors. The booth on the Common was staffed throughout the day by volunteers including Senator Patrick, Cathy Newell, Emily Ecker, Jim Daugherty, Jodi Carter, Larry Engdahl, and Nancy Willard.

Pictures of these and other events are on the Oxford County Democrats Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/OxfordCountyDems> For information about volunteering, contact info@oxforddems.org or call 875-2116.

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Yankee Brass Band concert

Saturday afternoon a large audience of perhaps 30 or more enjoyed a return performance of this renowned New England brass band which specializes in music from 19th Century America. Vocal soloist for two of the numbers was Jim Bennett who is retired as Director of Music at Norwich University and also President of the Gould Academy Alumni Association.

Rite Aid Remodels Floor Layout

During this past week, Rite Aid has made major changes in the organization of its floor plan. One might describe the new look as having pivoted the merchandise displays so that on entering the store the aisles somewhat form spokes of a wheel with the entrance being the hub. There are also some additions to the store inventory. Have to look for yourselves.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



On Sun., July 27, 50 people attended the barn raising celebration of the new post and beam "Harvest for Health" Barn under construction at the Uni-

versity of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Bryant Pond. The timber frame (which is visible from the camp road) was constructed by Chris Barstow and his crew at Specialty Timberworks. The next step is to construct the barn roof and walls. Steve Pelletier is the project's general contractor. When the barn is completed it will house a 30-foot climbing wall and have space for activities on rainy days and during the winter. There's even space for indoor archery. Next door to the barn will be raised garden beds to provide food for the hungry in our community and food for the camp.

Ryder Scott, the director of the 4-H Camp, explained that the barn is a centerpiece for the Harvest for Health Initiative, which has three main pillars: healthy foods and nutrition, physical fitness, and developing leadership in young people. "The mission of 4-H," Scott said "is that every young person who comes to our program becomes an engaged citizen." Scott said the camp reaches 4,500 young people each year through summer camps, school outings to the camp, and after-school programs.

After the barn raising celebration Scott took several of us on a short tour of the camp. We saw the new lodge (powered by solar energy)

and the original stone house given to the state in 1956 by Lillian Rogers Waterhouse. The 4-H Camp and Learning Center continues the legacy of the old conservation camp that Waterhouse founded. It's fitting that the latest improvements take place during the 100th year anniversary of 4-H. Several times during the celebration people mentioned that today's 4-H is not "our grandfather's 4-H." Nor is it the 4-H that I was in during the 1960s. Today, 4-H members (and campers) can study not only farming and raising animals, but subjects like photography, science, outdoor exploration, survival skills, and theater. The camp is a true asset to our community.

On Saturday, July 26, my mother and I went to Milan, N.H., to pick blueberries at Blueberry Heaven with my great-niece, Tia Panico, and her grandmother, Laurie Hickey. Blueberry Heaven is famous in northern New Hampshire for its pesticide-free field of high-bush, high-yield blueberries. In the summer of 2013, a team of five picked 17.5 quarts of berries in half an hour. We yielded 15 quarts in an hour. Tia, who lives in Middleburgh, N.Y., is vacationing this week with her grandparents, Laurie and Bob Hickey of Shelburne, N.H. Last week, Tia and her

grandparents vacationed at Wells Beach with Katie and Hannah Matczak and their parents, Karen Davis and Andy Matczak, of Bellingham, Mass.

A few weeks ago I wrote about the newly painted crosswalks in Bethel. I noted that the crosswalks in the Main Street "business district" had been removed, rather than repainted. I never received a response to my e-mail to the town, but last week two new crosswalks appeared in the business district. One is at the intersection of Main and Chapman streets; the other goes from the driveway between the Methodist Church and Brooks Bros. to the Foodliner parking lot, possibly the most heavily trafficked spot in town. I would like to think that my comments had something to do with this, but this was probably the plan all along. Thank you to whomever made this decision.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By CHERRI CROCKETT



Hello neighbors, I hope you're all well today. I apologize for not having a column in last week, but life got really busy and hectic and I just couldn't find the time to sit and write.

Well, it's definitely bear season, as I've seen many people posting their sightings and impressive pictures of those amazing creatures. How many of you know much about bear hunting and the new regulations that some are trying to push through? I would love to hear your input on the issue, as I'm sure there are a lot of opinions.

At the time I'm writing this we are getting one amazing deluge of rain. It seems we're not expected to get any light rainy days this summer, they're all going to be terrific downpours that saturate the ground in one offering. And then once the rain passes we get that nasty humidity back for a couple days and then the cycle begins all over again with a couple comfortable days.

Our weather sure can be strange and unpredictable.

This past weekend I joined 3,400 others to tackle the Tough Mountain Challenge at Sunday River for the second year in a row. Only this year my team was made of four instead of two. With a heat starting at 9 a.m. for two of us and then 9:15 for the other two; Lisa and I waited at the end of the second obstacle for our teammates to catch up and then finished the remainder of the course as a foursome.

We found a few new obstacles, a little more distance in a new part of the mountain and took a minute to appreciate the view from where we stood. We all had a good time, pushed ourselves and took time to just enjoy the experience and still finished in less than two hours.

Congratulations to everyone who decided to take on the challenge and push their physical limits. It's so nice

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to see all body shapes and sizes out on that course and being encouraged the whole way through. I can speak for several people that Kate Crooker is going to be greatly missed as one of the major players behind the scenes of the challenge.

So what have you all been up to so far this summer? Have you taken any special family trips, gathered with old friends or spent time relaxing at a favorite fishing hole? I would love to hear from you.

How many of you will be headed to Andover Olde Home Days this weekend? What a great long-time tradition they've been able to keep going. I'll have a couple pictures displayed in the photography contest and hope to see the parade with our Miss GG and her momma. Will you be there?

As I prepare for my annual girls only motorcycle trip coming up soon I like to find something to share with my girlfriends to help them appreciate the trip, those around them and maybe walk away with a new appreciation for life. This year I found this, "Go to the people and places that set a sparkle in your soul."

You all know that first and foremost I turn to God to set that sparkle and I pray that the sparkle He lights inside you will overflow into the lives of those around you. God Bless.

If you would like to share family news, please feel free to e-mail brindlelabb@gmail.com or call me at 357-3469. Blessings to you and yours.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



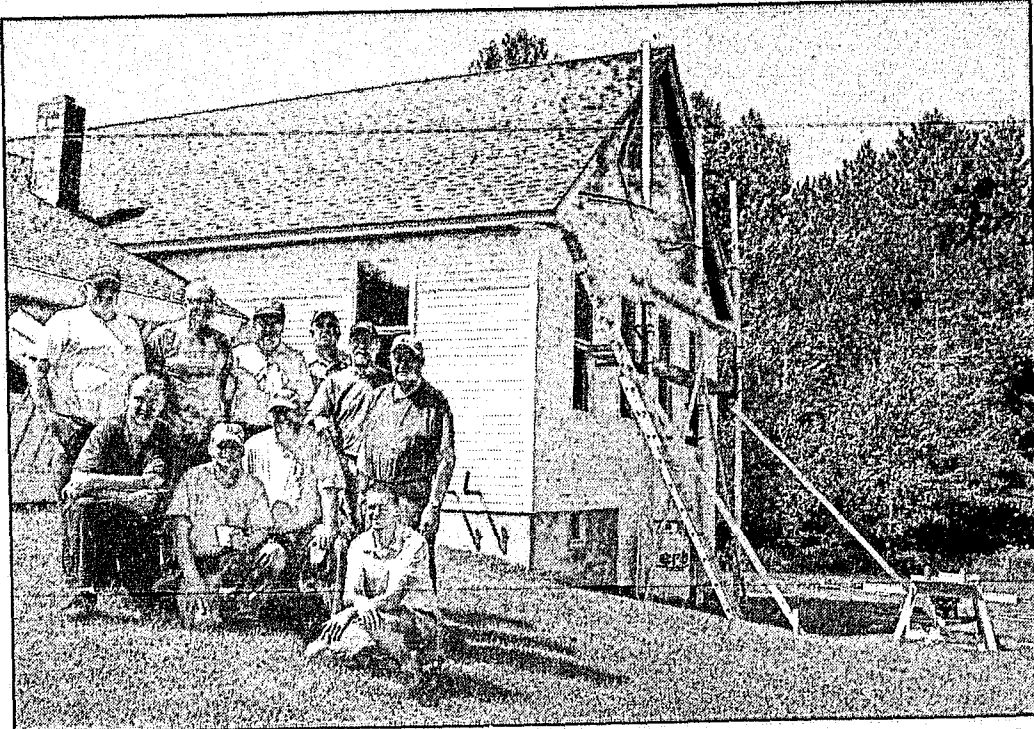
Franklin Grange 124 met on Monday evening, July 21, for a regular meeting. A new member was given the obligation by Peter Hammond. A resolution was presented for vote. Several items were presented under new business. As it was late, no program was presented. Next meeting is Aug. 4.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at Clyde and Norma's home for a picnic on Aug. 7. Please bring a dish to share - salad, sandwiches or dessert. You may want to bring a lawn chair also.

The Woodstock Historical Society will meet on Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Universalist Church at 5 p.m. for a picnic, tour of the church and to look up old tomb stones in the cemetery. Larry Billings has donated things to the Historical Society that were in his former cultural center.

Exercise classes at the Library will start again Aug. 7 at 9 a.m.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service



PLEASANT VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH GETS FACELIFT-A group of volunteers from the Corning, N.Y. area teamed up recently with church members to put Typar and siding on parts of the rear portion of the Pleasant Valley Bible Church in West Bethel. The back section of the church, built about 10 years ago, has had plywood only on the outside since then. Pastor Dave Fraher moved to Bethel two years ago from Corning, and invited friends over to Maine to help out. Pictured are (front): Daniel Hodge, (Corning). Middle: Gary Johnson(Corning), Rick McVey, Pastor Dave Fraher, Standing: Mike Inman, Gordon Kemp, (Corning), Andy Dunning (Corning), Ken Madison (Corning), Pastor Gary DeHass (Corning), Ted Brennan (Corning). Not pictured: Ray Brewster (Interlaken, NY). In addition to the crew shown here, helping out in a support role in the kitchen were Mary McVey, Freda Davis and Linda Vieweg.

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at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 years and older. Vacation Bible School continues tonight (July 31) and tomorrow, Aug. 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 10 is Fellowship Sunday with lunch on the grounds and an afternoon service. Aug. 16 is the annual Church picnic.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



I like these cool nights. Really good for sleeping. I am not a big fan of the humidity so have enjoyed the days that were not really hot and sticky.

My brother, Steve McLain, was at the house last Saturday. He noticed my red lily plant that is blossoming in the garden at the end of the house. I was surprised when I saw a picture of it later in the day on Facebook!

Steve and Lise McLain attended the Firefighter's Friday Fish Fry last week at the Greenwood Fire Station.

Hugh and I attended a combined birthday party at Tim and Michele's last Sunday for two of the grandchildren, Ajay and Sidney and Ann. Ajay's and Ann's birthdays were at the beginning of July. Sidney's birthday is coming right up in August. Those present were Tim and Michele, the grandchildren, William, Annie, Ajay and Sidney, Michele's parents Leo and Ann Croteau and Ann's brother, Tom. They had a cookout with plenty of food to eat and dessert was two cakes for everyone to enjoy.

Norm Buttrick and Cathy

McGuire were in town this past weekend. They planned on attending the Bethel Historical Society's Yankee Brass Band Concert on Saturday afternoon.

Gilead Historical Society Danielle Bernier and her crew finished up the work on the back wall of the schoolhouse last week. We have to get it painted now.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@home.com.

Newry

By DOUG WEBSTER



Wow! What a weekend at Sunday River. They had their Tough Mountain Challenge

this weekend. Friday night, they had early registration with two live bands playing and fireworks, and Saturday was the race. They had about 3,600 participants. That's incredible. People were really into it. There was every category of racer in the race: groups racing together not worried about their time as well as participants there to win - and everything in between. Sunday River seems to be about everyone having a good time - and not the seriousness of a professional race. I think that is a good idea and will keep people coming back. There was plenty of food and drink to be had on location - and trampolines, climbing walls, rides on the chondola up to North Peak, zip lines, and other things to do. I would highly advise going next year.

I've had some people talking about a possible Retro Mollycokett Day. I will try to keep track of names so we can sit down and have some discussion at some point. I think a good place to start,

which I believe would have a lot of local interest, is a Woodsmen Day. Rumford has been having success with theirs, I believe. They even set a world record this year. I would think the area woodsmen and competitors would love to have more than just a couple days a year to participate. If there was some kind of organized circuit of events, I am sure people would come from all over New England as well as Canada.

Congratulations to three Newry kids. Two came in the top five places in the one mile Mollycokett Day road race: Gregory and Rachel Melone. Bowyn Schaffler also placed. Way to go!

As always, send your news my way, especially if you do not like mine, dwebster@megalink.net.

Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



Passing of Catherine Seely Catherine Ann Seely, dear friend of many in Hanover, passed on July 19, 2014 in Port St. Lucie, Fla. Catherine is survived by Jerry, her husband of 57 years, and her brother Danny, sister Gertrude, and 63 nieces and nephews.

Catherine and Jerry summered for many years on Howard Pond. Born in Bronx, N.Y., Catherine attended Hunter College where she acquired a Master's Degree in Education. She was devoted to church, family and friends and will be forever remembered for her dry wit, infectious laughter and cheery disposition. She loved world travel, animals, reading, Mah-Jong, golf and cooking. A friend of the Gardner

Roberts Memorial Library, Catherine volunteered assisting with library duties and fundraising events. She will be missed by many.

Catherine's Funeral Mass was held last week in Florida on July 24. Hanover sends its thoughts and prayers to her husband Jerry and the Seely family. Donations may be made in Catherine's memory to the St. Bernadette Building Fund, St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 350 NW California Blvd., Port St. Lucie, Fla. 34986. You may express your condolences online at www.byrdyoungandprill.com.

Congratulations to Robin Smith and Ed Kennett who were married this past Saturday, July 26. An outdoor reception party followed under the tent on Howard Pond Road.

Plans are underway for the Library's Festival of Fall scheduled for Oct. 11, 2014. Items are needed to refresh the Garage Sale inventory. Please set aside any donations you wish to make. The Library will be accepting items one to two weeks prior to the sale. (Clothing will not be accepted but other gently used items are welcomed.) Stay tuned for further details and drop off times as the date approaches. Volunteers are also needed to assist with set up of the Sale a few days prior and to help staff the sale the day of the event. The next meeting of the GRML Trustees is Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Library.

Andover

By JANE C. RICH



Last Tuesday the People in Action Committee served a pot luck luncheon to about 30 people. The next luncheon will be Aug. 19 and the menu is ham and scalloped potatoes.

The Friday evening concert on the common featuring Pete Coolidge and friends along with local bagpiper, Denise Hurd was well attended. Unfortunately I was committed to other things and could only drive by to see the crowd. The next concert is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. Rain venue will be the First Congregational Church.

Monday morning Pam Berry, Wendy Hutchins and others were busy setting up the Maple Street Gallery in the home of Tom and Maggie McGuire at 71 Maple Street. The art show on Friday, Aug. 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 2nd from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. will feature local artists both living and deceased. Owners of these works have been stripping their walls in order to share this huge variety of lo-

cal talent with the community and others visiting Andover for Olde Home Day weekend.

This evening, Thursday, July 31, is your last opportunity to enter the photo contest. Photos may be presented from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Andover Town Hall. Categories include portrait, landscape, flower, animal, Photoshopped and black and white.

On Friday, Flower Show entries will be received at the historical building between 5:30 and 8 p.m. There are two your choice categories as well as cup and saucer, wildflowers, 12 and under, colorful arrangement, all white arrangement, single specimen, homegrown vegetables and fruits, herbs and grasses. The show will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. While you're at the flower show you can view a number of interesting artifacts in the possession of the historical society.

Saturday's events will be kicked off with coffee and donuts at the First Congregational Church CEB. Vendors will be on the common including representatives from both political parties. The parade will be at 10 a.m. Schedules are posted in local stores and you can come and spend the entire day which includes a car show, tractor pull and race, children's games and a road race without spending a penny - of course we know you won't do that. This is a great family celebration and the 34th consecutive year that Andover Olde Home Day has been presented for your enjoyment.

I would like to personally thank Vickie and Marshall Meisner for their many years of service in heading up the committee since this will be the last year they will be doing so and indeed to all the committee who has kept this going since 1980. It's a lot of work, but it's so good for our town.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Upton Historical Society met Sunday. They discussed the T-shirts, calendars and books that they will offer for sale during Upton "Fun Day." They also finalized other plans for "Fun Day." Volunteers are needed to help sweep and clean the school. Please call Deborah if you would like to help at 533-2331.

Letter B Notch Riders also met Sunday. They too finalized their plans for their participation in "Fun Day" activities.

Wednesday, July 23 there was an informal public meeting in the Upton Town Office. The meeting was held to give the town resi-

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dents and taxpayers an opportunity to voice their ideas, thoughts or opinions about remodeling the interior of the town office to make more efficient use of the interior space. Three elected officials attended. No one else showed up. It is my opinion that the no-shows have waived their right to complain when and if renovations are made.

Call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Last week Mona and I had the pleasure of spending seven days in France. We found a tour that included some time in Paris and several days visiting chateaus and other scenic places, but our principle focus was two days spent on the Normandy beaches where Allied military armies landed on D-day, June 6, 1944 in the final big push to put an end to the Nazi occupation of Europe. Mona and I both listed D-Day at the top of our "bucket list!"

It was a deeply moving experience to see the place where more than 2,000 American troops died in a single day clawing a foothold into Hitler's "Atlantic Wall," built to prevent any attempted Allied landings. They did this by literally climbing, stepping or stumbling over the dead bodies of their comrades. Untold numbers of heroes braved near certain death to eke out a few yards of terrain or to destroy an entrenched machine gun, artillery piece or enemy soldier despite thousands of mines, obstacles, barbed wire entanglements and heavily fortified bunkers. I doubt that any other nation has ever developed a better motivated and trained military force capable of overcoming such devastating defenses. There is truly something special about the motivation and willingness of free men and women to risk their lives to overcome evil.

I was awed by the experience of descending into one of the steel reinforced concrete bunkers which once housed one of the huge coastal defense guns. It was a claustrophobic place with only a limited arc of visibility to the terrain outside. Of course, each of these positions was protected by other similar structures where other similar installations provided interlocking fields of fire and mutual defense against attackers. I tried to visualize the scene of some 5,000 ships and boats of many descriptions carrying or supporting 160,000 troops for the landings, all under the observation and fire of a hostile enemy.

This feeling of awe and emotion was reinforced by our visit to the memo-

rial and cemetery containing some 10,000 snow white crosses and Jewish Star of David symbols, all of which were impeccably maintained (the dead included many of those killed in the days and weeks following the D-day landings).

After Normandy, the rest of our trip was anti-climatic, enjoyable but not nearly so emotional.

Backyard Reflections

By Sara Wright

Firefly Night

During the summer I am never too tired to experience the crush of peach and gold twilight deepening into those black velvet star cracked nights, but a week ago I was sitting on my porch (which looks out over the mountains and my pine strewn field) at dusk and suddenly a solitary blinking green light rose out of the budded peonies... In minutes the still air was sparkling with tiny lights moving through my gardens. Oh, for a moment I was caught by wonder as I was swept back into my childhood.

Every summer on my grandparents' farm my little brother and I were allowed to run through the field at dusk to catch as many fireflies as we could to keep overnight in large glass canning jars. Those lightning bugs had two different colored luminous lights; one yellow and the other jade. The green beetles were less abundant than those that flashed/signaled pale yellow and we did our best to fill our jars with as many emeralds as possible! After putting cut grass in the containers and poking holes in the covers so the bugs could breathe we took these jars to bed with us falling asleep under their magical lights, believing that these creatures were talking to each other and to us through the glass. In the morning we would carefully extract the insects from their confined space and set them free, knowing that we could catch more of them at the end of the day. It seems to me now that we caught lightning bugs all summer long; the memory of this cyclic childhood adventure is that seamless and remains crystal clear.

Although I am not enamored of terminology in general the word "bioluminescence" captures my imagination because fireflies are a perfect example of an organism that produces its own light. As an adolescent working on the seining boats off Monhegan Island I remained in awe of the fiery plankton that we hauled in with the fishing nets each night. Did you know that certain kinds of mushrooms, some fish, shrimp, jellyfish, gnats, snails and springtails also create their own light? Bioluminescence involves highly efficient chemical

reactions that result in the release of particles of light with little or no emission of heat. Fireflies combine the chemical luciferin and oxygen with an enzyme in their lanterns (part of the abdomen) to make this light which is considered to be a "cold" light with nearly 100 percent of the energy given off as light. In contrast, the energy produced by an incandescent light bulb puts out 10 percent light and 90 percent heat.

Fireflies take from one to two years to mature from larvae but will live as adults for only about three weeks. While in the larval stage the insects feed on snails and smaller insects. About 2,000 species of firefly can be found in temperate or tropical environments. Many are drawn to marshes or wet wooded areas where the larvae have abundant sources of food. These larvae also emit light and are called glowworms. Once they transform into their adult form, most do not eat.

Their light patterns are part of their mating display and each species of firefly has a characteristic flash pattern that helps the males and females recognize each other. Most species produce a yellow or green light but one species blazes blue. Usually it is the males that do the flying while flashing and the females stay in one place responding with their own beacon of light. Peak flashing occurs towards the middle of the mating season when a field can literally become a twinkling earth star festival when the night temperatures are mild, the air is sweet and no heavy mist or rain falls. On cool nights with temperatures in the 50s there is rarely a display. The full moon also affects the firefly mating patterns with the insects coming out even in the pre-dawn hours. A few days after mating a female lays her fertilized eggs on or just below the surface of the ground. The eggs hatch three to four weeks later and the larvae feed until the end of the summer. The larvae hibernate underground or under the bark of trees. Most larvae are distasteful to eat and are sometimes poisonous to vertebrate predators as are some toads.

Some fireflies routinely synchronize their flashes in

large groups. No one knows just why. One of the most famous sightings of fireflies blinking in unison occurs in the Great Smokey Mountains early in June. Some others mimic the mating flashes of other lightening bugs for the sole purpose of predation. The male approaches the female and gets eaten!

When I first camped on this property 30 years ago the tall grasses were studded with fireflies that literally lit up the night. Each evening I felt myself being pulled into the field to catch some of that radiance to keep in the tent overnight, and I fell asleep just as the child once did imagining that these creatures were conversing with me. By then I knew something about firefly behavior/communication but to this day I often experience these insects signaling, not just amongst themselves but exchanging information with me.

In Japanese mythology fireflies are considered to be the souls of the dead. One Apache legend finds fox hunting for fire for "The People." A red tailed hawk carries fox to the place where the fireflies keep their fire going in the center of their world, and fox tricks the fireflies into giving him a few sparks which he throws on the back of his friend the hawk who scatters bits of fire over the whole earth bringing both fire and light to The People.

In this area fireflies begin to appear around the third week in June but their displays vary from year to year. Some believe that temperature and soil moisture might have something to do with their yearly appearance. These days I no longer take any firefly sighting for granted because these remarkable beetles are disappearing all over the country as well as throughout the world and no one knows why, although the usual theories around loss of habitat, pesticides etc. abound. Each year I look forward to the first warm nights when for a brief moment in time the fireflies make their debut. And I for one would feel impoverished if these mysterious creatures no longer graced our fields, marshes, and forests.

Andover Olde Home Days

Thursday, July 31 - Judging for garden contest.

Friday, Aug. 1 - 3 p.m.: Auction on the church steps; 6:30 p.m.: Band Concert with Noel Palmer on the Common.

Saturday, Aug. 2 - All Day: Vendors, crafts, games and food on the Common and horse drawn wagon rides around town. 8 a.m.: 10th Annual Andover Olde Home Days Road Race from the Elementary School (4.5 and 1 mile); 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Coffee, donuts, luncheon, cookie walk and raffle at the Congo Church; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Antique/Classic car show at Aker's Field; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Flower show/Open House at the Historical Society; 9:30 a.m.: Bike/Doll carriage parade at the tennis court. 9:30 a.m.: Judging for parade. 10 a.m.: Parade on Main Street. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Photo Contest at Town Hall and the Pennacook Art Show at the Library. 11 a.m.: Children's games and moon bounce at Town Hall and Chicken BBQ at the Fire Station. 11:30 a.m.: Pie eating contest near the tennis court. 12 to 3 p.m.: Operation Game Thief Exhibit

near the Fire Station. 12 to 2 p.m.: Children's Barrel Train Rides behind the Fire Station. 12:30 p.m.: First button drawing at the bandstand. 1 p.m.: Skillet Contest and Men's Hammer toss at the Little League field (Registration begins at 12:30). Horse Shoe Tournament behind the Fire Station. 1:30 p.m.: Lawn tractor race at Grimaldi Field (Registration begins at 1 p.m.); 2 p.m.: Final button drawing at the bandstand; 3 to 4 p.m.: "Singing Bird: Molly Ockett: A Maine Legend" book talk and signing with Karen Johnson at the library; 3 p.m.: Ellis River Riders Night Game Show at ERR show grounds.

Sunday, Aug. 2 - 9 a.m.: Open Horse Show at Ellis River Riders show grounds.

A special thank you to SAD 44 for providing transportation from Grimaldi Field to around the town square from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Please, no dogs on the common unless it is a service dog.

Free parking available in lower Grimaldi Field on Route 120.

FMI: andoverjournal.net.

McAlister-McAllister family 2014 reunion

The McAlister-McAllister Family 2014 Reunion will be held Aug. 8 through 10 in Norway and Paris Hill. This year's theme will be about family networking. Facebook has been used extensively for the first time in their family history of these gatherings. This will mark the 13th reunion of the family.

Friday, Aug. 8, the events will be casual and will start at about 3 p.m. The location will be the home of Guy McAlister III at 44 Tucker Street in Norway.

Saturday, Aug. 9, the events will once again be held at the home of Guy McAlister III. Activities begin about 10 a.m. and will last for the day. The families will enjoy old fashioned picnic games, such as three-legged race, potato sack hop, and tug-of-war. The children will also draw up their family trees, as well as many other activities.

Sunday, Aug. 10, the fam-

ily plans to have breakfast at a local restaurant at 10 a.m. Please call Dawn to make a reservation.

Then the family reunion will relocate to the top of Paris Hill at the First Baptist Church, 500 Paris Hill Road in South Paris. At 1 p.m. the family picnic lunch and business meeting will be conducted. Families need to remember to bring their own bag lunches. The reunion cake will be provided. Prizes will be awarded for the oldest member attending, youngest attending, and the one who traveled the farthest to attend the reunion. Family members need to bring memorabilia to share with the others.

The reunion will wrap up its formal activities at 4 p.m. The next reunion will be August 12 through 14, 2016.

To make reservations, get more info or ask questions, please contact Dawn McAlister at (401)932-1271 or sunrise71@cox.net.

Andover Historical Society Auction

Auction: Friday, Aug. 1 at 3 p.m. in front of Congregational Church. Auction items are arriving every day: chairs, youth bed, crank telephone, Andover History book, lighted beer sign "for your man cave," Animal Cracker lamp, clocks, bread machine, crewl work, puzzles, load of crushed stone - local delivery, small tables, shelves, baby car seat, baby swing, child's chair, tools and much more. Joey Martin, Auctioneer.

Please come early and support the Andover Historical Society! Loads of great stuff and good times. Maple syrup, oil changes, lots of gift cards and many other things donated by businesses and people from our local area.

We are holding the auction to support the historical society. We have two buildings to upkeep and insure; the Elm Street building beside the town hall and the East Andover School House.

The society is also hosting the annual flower show Sat. Aug 1 from 9 to 3, at the Elm Street building.

Telstar Middle/High School sports registration

Telstar Middle and High School parents are required to register their student athlete for fall sports on Wednesday Aug. 13 at one of the following times: 9 to 11 a.m., or 6 to 8 p.m. in the Telstar Library.

If you are unable to attend one of the above times, please contact Gail Wight, Athletic Director, at wightg@sad44.org or Chris Cole, District Nurse, at colecc@sad44.org.

Please note that students will not be able to begin practice until the required forms are completed. Also, all athletes must have proof of a physical exam completed in the past two years.



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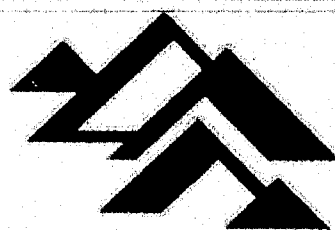
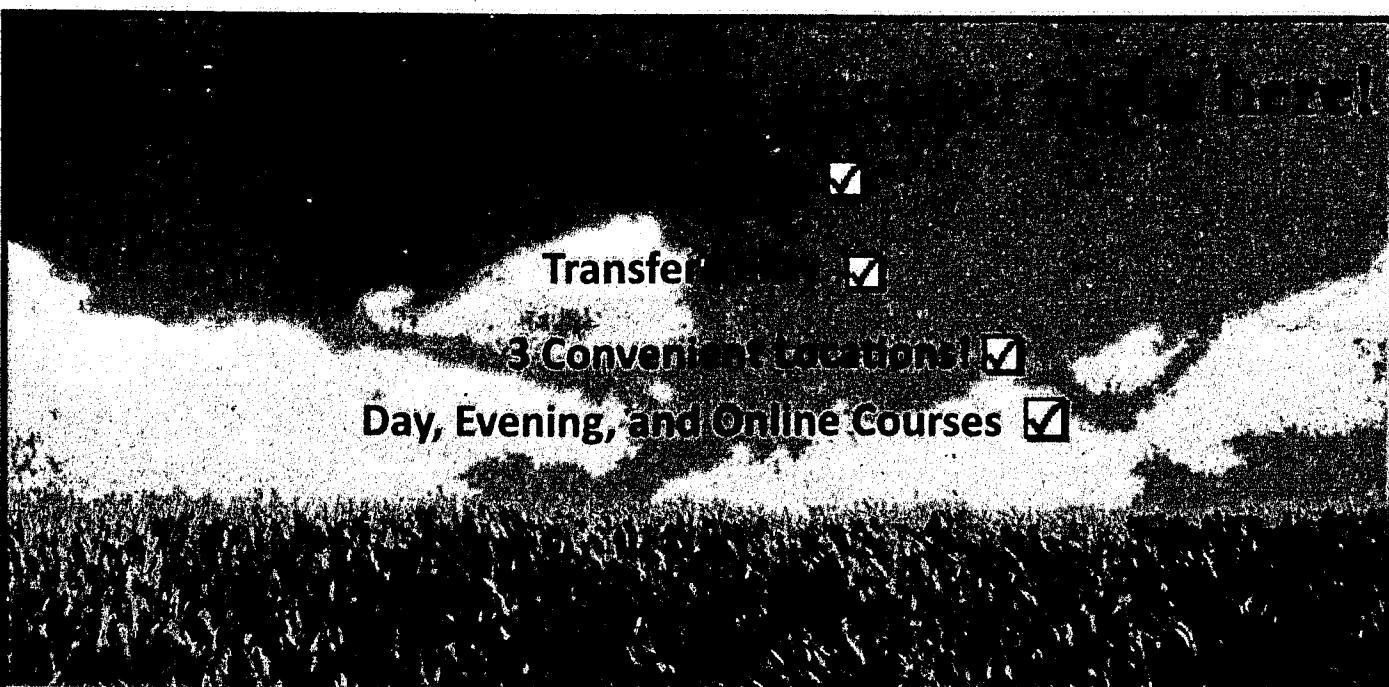
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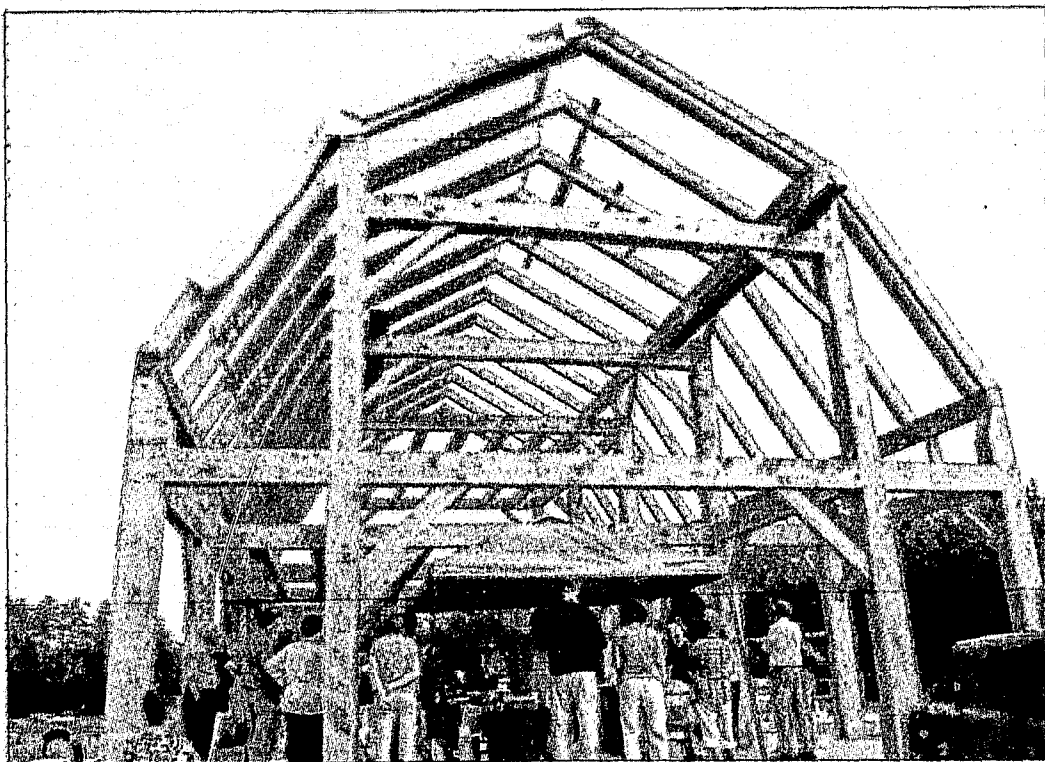
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BARN RAISING AT 4-H CAMP—On July 27 50 people attended the barn raising celebration of the new post and beam "Harvest for Health" Barn under construction at the University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Bryant Pond. The timber frame was constructed by Chris Barstow and his crew at Specialty Timberworks. The next step is to construct the barn roof and walls. Steve Pelletier is the project's general contractor. When the barn is completed it will house a 30-foot climbing wall and have space for activities on rainy days and during the winter. There will also be space for indoor archery. For more information, see the Bethel town columns. *A. Chapman*

MLT Whitecap Gourmet Hike

In what has become an eagerly-anticipated tradition, the Mahoosuc Land Trust will hold its summer Whitecap Gourmet hike on Saturday, Aug. 9. This is a moderately strenuous hike with natural delights along the way and a glorious 360-degree view at the summit, made all the more delightful by the company and food that is shared.

Hikers are asked to bring water, hiking/rain gear, and a mountain-gourmet dish of your choice for sharing with other hikers. The hike will leave from the trailhead off the East Andover Road at 9:30 a.m. Take Route 5 north from Route 2 in Rumford for 3 miles. Turn right to cross the first bridge, then left on East Andover Road. The parking lot is 200 yards on left. Please let us know if you plan to hike by calling (207-824-3806) or e-mailing mlt@mahoosuc.org, although last minute hikers are welcome.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is an accredited community land trust encouraging public interest in conservation in central Oxford County, Maine, and eastern Coos County, N.H., supporting a balance of growth and conservation and emphasizing sustainable and traditional land uses. For more information, visit www.mahoosuc.org or call 207-824-3806.

Mahoosuc Land Trust 25th Anniversary Photo/Art/Writing Celebration

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is looking for those special photographs, original art works or written works that express the natural beauty of the Mahoosuc Region. Please share your work with the Mahoosuc Land Trust Community to celebrate our 25th Anniversary! We will be displaying all entries and having a Grand Showing on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Land Trust Office as part of the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend.

There will be prizes for

photographs, original art, and written works in three age categories (12 and under; 13 to 18 and 19+). There is a \$10 donation entry fee for the oldest age group.

Entry details: Photos should be matted at a minimum and may be framed. Original art should be exhibit ready. Stories should be one typed page (max) and attached to a stiff backing. Entries should be dropped off at the Mahoosuc Land Trust Office by Wednesday, Sept. 17. Mail entries are also accepted. Any or all submissions may be eligible

for inclusion in the 25th Mahoosuc Land Trust Anniversary Book. Information and pre-orders for book will follow. Entrants are welcomed to sell their submissions at the show. More details on www.mahoosuc.org.

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DamJam 2014 in Denmark

They say mastery begins at three years old. Three is the age when toddlers begin to master their bodies, when mastery of speech begins; when responsibility enters our behaviors. In short, three is when one begins in earnest the lifelong task of civilization.

The Denmark Arts Center's DAM JAM, Aug. 2 from 3 p.m. to midnight, turns three this year, and we are well under way with the task of civilizing ourselves within this tremendous, nurturing community of our birth. What was a lark, pure and simple, in year one; and a tentative revisiting in year two, now stands firmly planted in the sandy Denmark soil, putting our roots deep, drawing up sustenance for this year and years to come.

The difference is most palpable in the DAM JAM's renewed commitment to local flavors this year. From food to drink to art to music, DAM JAM 2014 draws more heavily on local culture than its predecessors.

For example, joining last year's standout Mexican food-truck, El Corazon, will be Bridgton's own Beth's Kitchen Cafe, with their signature blend of home-baked, wholesome fare; and the Standard Gastropub, with their take on barbecue. Lubricating these offerings will be the Maine-brewed selections of Lewiston's fabulous Baxter Brewing Company, whose stellar work

— both within their community, and in the community of craft brewers — has been receiving some stellar notice throughout the state and, indeed, further afield. We're also working hard this year to bring local art alive within the community, through this year's innovation, our signature "Artists' Midway," presenting the work of great Maine artists (and local youth!)

in a participatory arena: Whether you are working with illustrator and printer Sean Brewer to create your own custom event T-shirt at his Fast Food Prints, creating your own letterpress postcards with award-winning printmaker Pilar Nadal and her Tired Press, perusing (and buying!) the youth-generated zines created in the Denmark Arts Center's Zine Party workshop, or taking in the show across the street at the DAC by Lovell-based artist Anne Buckwalter, the Artist's Midway promises to open your eyes to the richness — and, heck, the fun — of Maine's burgeoning art scene. And the little ones are not forgotten, as we once again host last year's wonderful ArtVan Project, from Bath bringing meaningful art experiences to young kids throughout the state.

But in the end, the DAM JAM is all about the music: There, too, Year Three proves our most local-riffic outing yet!

From right down the road in Naples come the sweet country stylings of Obie Varnum, brainchild of multi-instrumentalist and songwriter Seth Gallant. Originally hailing from Burlington, Vt., Gallant relocated to Naples last year, in the process reconstituting his prior band with all-new local talent. We are excited to premiere this refurbished Obie Varnum for the first time at the Dam Jam, after which they will go on to headline acts in Lewiston, Kennebunk, and Portland.

From farther afield, we are pleased to welcome Bangor's Chamberlain. Fresh off a highly praised new EP, they will be bringing their stripped-down version of garage rock-and-roll, fronted by the comely Kat Johnson, to Denmark for the first time.

Also premiering in Den-

mark will be Portland's Butcher Boy. Formal-daring; lush; inspired by everything from the sounds of a working fishing wharf to the music of Tom Waits, this four-piece has quickly established itself as one of Portland's most reliably unmissable live acts. Ranging from psychedelic folk music to an almost symphonic wall of sound, Butcher Boy is no doubt a band on its way to a bright future.

That future has already arrived for returning favorites, Sunset Hearts. One of Portland's best-kept secrets, Sunset Hearts joins the lineup for the second year in a row; in advance of their new release, due to hit the streets Oct. 13. Channeling the generous spirit of the best of 80s synth pop, Sunset Hearts are a full-bore dance juggernaut, grown right here in our home state. We're thrilled to be able to act as proving-grounds for their new body of work, much of which will be playing for the first time in Denmark.

Of course, local art needs local support, and this year, the DAM JAM receives a huge vote of confidence from organizations small and large, including the Maine Arts Commission, the New England Foundation for the Arts, Norway Savings Bank, BirthWise Midwifery Center, the Bridgton Hospital, Khjel's Logging and Excavation, Highland Lake Resort, Ace Insurance and WMPG radio. We couldn't do it without them!

Altogether, the events and music of this year's DAM JAM promise to do our state proud, as we put the best of ourselves on display in one of Maine's most picturesque small communities. So come on down, and party like a three year old! The chance won't come round again!

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Andover senior art group to hold show this weekend

BY TERRY KARKOS/
Sun Media Group

Wendy Hutchins and her Andover neighbor Pam Berry are excited about next month's two-day Andover Old Home Days event.

The pair and other "senior" artists, as they call themselves, paint together weekly. The group will convene an art show from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2.

"This is our first time producing an art show," Berry said Wednesday at Hutchins's house on Wentzell Road in Andover.

"It's a fun project," Hutchins said. "I really think it's a celebration of a town's culture."

The show will consist of their works and those of Andover artists who have passed away, such as Anne Fox, Lavinia Bailey, Bill French, Judy Hall, and possibly David Chaisson.

It will also include artists still living, such as pen and ink artist Dick Johnston, who is now blind, Hutchins said.

"There are a lot of past Andover artists that did quite good work," Hutchins said. "I mean, it's excellent stuff. There's a lot of examples of their work around town, so we're going to include those, too."

Their venue, which they are calling the Maple Street Art Gallery, is Tom and Maggie McGuire's house at 71 Maple St. Tucked away behind the Town Common and church, the McGuire house is for sale, but on loan to the group for the show.

Besides Hutchins and Berry, a retired longtime art teacher at Oxford Hills Middle School in Paris, other members of the painting group are Denise Hurd of Andover and Elly Dufault of Bethel.

"We're all older and most of us are retired," Hutchins said. "Pam's a retired art

teacher and I'm a retired school secretary and substitute teacher. I didn't realize I could even paint for a long time. I was 62 or 63 before I knew I could."

Hutchins said she wanted to be a school tutor, but according to state law, could only do it for two years without an associate's degree or an equivalent degree. So she went to college and saved 15 weeks of art classes for the last semester, because she fretted she had no talent.

That, however, proved untrue. She took three to four semesters of art and started painting.

"Art is a whole new world for me," she said.

Hutchins said Berry, who once taught art to Hutchins, dabbled in creating her own art, but never really had the time due to teaching it to more than 7,000 seventh- and eighth-grade students in Paris in 24 years.

"There's not much time

left over," Berry said, between teaching and commuting to Paris every day from Andover.

Hurd, who just learned how to do watercolor in April, is the youngest of the group.

Previously, Hurd had done what Hutchins and Berry called a 'great' acrylic painting of the Kimball Farm in Rumford, showing it off inside Hutchins' living room.

They also brought out their own paintings. Hutchins displayed an oil painting she did of Howard Pond in Hanover and one of Andover Falls off Route 120.

Berry showed one of a scene from Azischoos Lake titled "Eagle Island" and another of three crows she said she watched all winter in her yard. She calls that one "Morning Debate."

Berry said she also works in pastels, colored pencils and Conté cray-

ons, which are a charcoal or compressed powdered graphite drawing medium mixed with a wax or clay base.

Dufault, who owns her own studio in Bethel, works in acrylics, oils, watercolor, pastel and pencil drawing and has been at it since the 1970s, Hutchins said.

The four artists also attend art classes at the Senior College in Bethel.

Hutchins said some of the group's work will be for sale at their art show, along with prints, and they can also get prints made of art pieces, too, on request.

Hutchins said Andover's signature event used to have an art show and a group collecting local art, but it hasn't been a group producing it.

So she and members of the group decided to hold one, but needed a venue. Berry set that in motion when she went into Pete's Hardware store one

day and told owner Pete Coolidge about the idea.

She said Coolidge, who is the caretaker of the McGuire house, said the couple, who live elsewhere, wanted to find a way to have their house used for the Andover Old Home Days.

"These people are very generous," Berry said of the McGuires.

"We couldn't believe our luck," Berry said. "It was like putting it out there and having it come true."

Berry and Hutchins also credited the Western Maine Art Group and art supplies vendor 100 Aker Wood, both of Norway, for providing guidance and quality of materials.

Both said they want to continue painting after the show and make connections with other artists. Admission to the show is free, but no food, drinks or pets are allowed and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 4:30 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Sundays, 6 p.m. Andover School Withdrawal Committee meets.

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym,

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m. - Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - Bethel Bicycle/Western Maine Velo road cycling rides, departing from Bethel Bicycle. Please call 824-0100 for more information and/or go to our FB page, all rides are posted there.

First Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Beacon House Peer Center, 3 Canal St. Rumford. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.

Third Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Telstar High School Library. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30 to 6 p.m. - Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church: No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Greenwood

Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Outdoor Market at

Northern Roots Grow Supply, 3 Bird Hill Rd., Greenwood. Vendors welcome at no charge. Until early September.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.-West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m. - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.- Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Support services

SAFE Voices

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA Meetings/Addiction help

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Candlelight Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Cancer Wellness

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

Exchanges/Pantries

Clothing Exchange

Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Food Pantry

The Bethel Food Pantry serves residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton, and Woodstock.

The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon until 8 p.m. Anyone who needs food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street in Bethel by the side entrance on Park Street.

Help for the Homeless

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a Maternity Group Home program for homeless pregnant and parenting youth ages 18-21 and Case Management services. Emergency shelter services include the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and their children and the Rumford Family Center for homeless families. To make a referral or to request assistance, please call 743-6363 in the Norway area or 369-9439 in the Rumford area Monday through Friday from 9am-5pm. For more information about Rumford Group Homes, Inc., call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

Mental illness

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, re-

laxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday 3 to 8 p.m.; Friday 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

Veterans' Services

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9 to 12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

Multiple services

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

Alzheimer's Support

An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

Brain injury support

Brain Injury Support Group for individuals with brain injuries and their families. West Side NeuroRehab, 618 Main St., Lewiston. First Monday of the month, 6 to 8 p.m. FMI: Deb Hammer 795-6110.

LIBRARY HOURS

Andover Library:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1 to 4:30 pm; Thursday 1 to 4:30 & 6 to 8 p.m.
Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library:

Monday 9 to 1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1 to 8; Thursday & Friday 1 to 5 Saturday, 9 to 1. Story Hour Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m., October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial

Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library,

West Paris: Monday 1:30 to 6; Wednesday 1:30 to 7; Friday 1:30 to 6; Saturday 10 to 2.
Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004
Gardner Roberts

Memorial Library,

Hanover: Wednesday, 9 to 3; Thursday, 5 to 8; Saturday, 9 to noon.

Calendar items

Calendar items may be brought to the Citizen office, e-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426. Deadline is Monday at Noon.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Stitched Together in Time and Place: Valentine Family Quilts; Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m. through Aug. 30, Mason House, Bethel Historical Society. This colorful display features a variety of quilts that were once owned or made by members of the Valentine family of Bethel. During the exhibit run, selected portions of the documentary film "Why Quilts Matter: History, Art & Politics" will be shown. Free admission, donations welcome.

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at North-east Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Outdoor Market; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, Northern Roots Grow Supply, 3 Bird Hill Road, Greenwood. Antique and yard sale finds, handmade crafts, plants, produce or whatever you have to bring to the table. Visitors and vendors welcome. No fee for vendors, but donations accepted to support a local nonprofit organization. FMI: 875-2089.

Concerts on Andover Common; 6 to 8 p.m. every other Friday, July 11 through Sept. 5. Free concerts featuring local musicians. FMI: Pete Coolidge at Pete's Hardware (392-1028, closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays).

Thursday, July 31

"Chicken-Fried Sushi: Stories to Nourish Your Soul" by Eshu Bumpus and Motoko; 7:30 p.m., the Brick Church for the Performing Arts, Christian Hill Road (just off Route 5), Lovell. Tickets available at the door: \$10/adults, \$5/children 12 and under. Refreshments will be served. FMI: www.lovellbrickchurch.org or 925-1500.

Aug. 1, 2 and 3

Andover Olde Home Days; Parade, antique car displays, exhibits, art and flower shows, crafts, firemen's muster, horse show, plenty of food and music. FMI: 392-4311 or andoverjournal.net.

Friday, Aug. 1

First Friday Reception; 5 to 7 p.m., Main Street Gallery, 426 Main Street, Norway. This month's display will feature the works of Beverly Lynds Laverdiere, Western Maine Art Group's Artist of the Month.

Andover Historical Society Auction; 3 p.m. in front of the Congregational Church. Auctioneer: Joey Martin. Furniture, collectibles, baby items, tools, gift cards and more.

Aug. 2 and 3

Back to the Past Celebration; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Scribner's Mill, Scribner's Mill Road, Harrison. Traditional freehand-cut silhouettes, \$20 (reservations for sittings recommended, 539-2921), straw broom maker, spinners, weavers, historic quilts and more. Crafts and ice cream making for kids, music and food booth from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 2

Annual Blueberry Festival; 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., Locke's Mills Union Church. Pancakes, sundaes, pies, blueberries, etc.

Preparing for Birth Class; 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Harper Conference Room, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Hilary Ware, RN, will facilitate a group of expectant parents as they learn about the labor and delivery experience, exploring how to relax and flow with labor through breathing and relaxation techniques as well as information on making a birth plan, comfort measures, stages of labor and cesarean delivery. Preregistration with \$35 payment or MaineCare info required. FMI/Registration: 743-1562 ext. 6951 or www.wmhcc.org.

Mad Science Fire and Ice Show; 11 a.m. to noon, Maine Wildlife Park, Gray. Children will explore the 3 states of matter and learn about the amazing properties of fire and combustion. All Mad Science shows provide live, interactive and compelling educational experiences that make learning a blast! FMI: 657-4977 or www.mainewildlifepark.com.

Nighttime Gymkhana Horse Show; 3 p.m. 'til under the lights, Ellis River Riders, Andover. Barrel racing, pole bending and other games. Riders of all ages and abilities will race against the clock to complete the patterns. Free to spectators with stadium style bleachers, enclosed kiddie playground, and home cooked and fair style food for purchase. FMI: www.ellisriverriders.com.

DamJam 2014; 3 p.m. to midnight, Denmark Arts Center, Denmark. Featuring local vendors, artwork and music. FMI: denmarkartscenter@gmail.com.

Carl Vee, back by popular demand; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Bryant Pond Gazebo.

Mike Miclon's Early Evening Show; 8 p.m., Celebration Barn Theater, 190 Stock Farm Road, South Paris. Doors open at 7:30. Tickets: \$14/adults, \$12/seniors, \$8/students and kids. Advance tickets: 743-8452. FMI: www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

Free Concerts; 4 p.m., the Bethel Common. Rain or shine. FMI: MahoosucArts.org or 824-3575.

Sunday, Aug. 3

Deadline to request menu item for Legion annual picnic; Call Bob Everett (836-2038) or Bob McCartney (836-3575). See Aug. 10 listing for more info.

Pleasure/Equitation Horse Show; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders, Andover. Riders of all ages and abilities will show their horsemanship skills through rail work and patterns. Free to spectators with stadium style bleachers, enclosed kiddie playground, and home cooked and fair style food for purchase. FMI: www.ellisriverriders.com.

Uptown Cruizahs 6th Annual Car Show; New Balance Factory Store, Route 26, Oxford. Registration: 7:30 to 11 a.m., \$5 per car. Free admission for spectators. Donations gratefully accepted. Three awards in each of 28 classes. Proceeds benefit local organizations. FMI: Les Wing (890-0870) or Dan Tripp (743-8073).

Free Ice Cream for Telstar Middle School Readers; 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Telstar Library. For TMS students participating in the Summer Reading Challenge, this is a time to bring back books, check out new books, log reading minutes and eat ice cream with Mrs. Luetje, Ms. Gregory, Ms. Davis and Ms. Fraser.

Aug. 4 through 8

Vacation Bible Adventure; 6 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Al-

liance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from the Telstar parking lot). This years' theme is "Weird Animals - Where Jesus' love is one-of-a-kind." For children four-years through grade five. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Monday, Aug. 4

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: End of life issues. Moderator: Sally Chapel. Light refreshments are provided. FMI: 593-6957.

Wednesday, Aug. 6

An Afternoon with Tucker Carlson; 4 p.m. Carlson, co-host of Fox News Channel's "Fox & Friends" will give a presentation entitled "What to Expect in Politics." All locally registered Republicans and their invited guests are welcome. Space is limited and no one will be admitted without an RSVP. FMI/RSVP: 665-2049.

Thursday, Aug. 7

Public Supper; Albany Church, Hunts Corner Road, Albany. Doors open at 5 p.m., supper at 5:30. \$7 per person, \$4 ages 12 and under.

Andover Public Hearing; 7 p.m., Andover Town Hall. Public hearing on the withdrawal agreement between SAD 44 and the Town of Andover Withdrawal Committee.

Friday, Aug. 8

1954 Bannister Race Talk; 8 p.m., Fryeburg New Church Assembly, 84 Main Street, Fryeburg. Rev. Dr. George F. Dole will talk about his experience in the 1954 Bannister Race.

Saturday, Aug. 9

3-Mile Fun Run; 8 a.m., Fryeburg New Church Assembly, 84 Main Street, Fryeburg. Fun Run to celebrate Rev. Dole. Runners and walkers are encouraged to attend. Proceeds benefit the Fryeburg New Church Assembly, the Church of the New Jerusalem and the Mountain Division Rail Trail. FMI: www.dole3miler.com, d3race@gmail.com or (508) 649-5982.

MLT Gourmet Hike; 9:30 a.m., Whitecap trailhead off the East Andover Road. Hikers are asked to bring water, hiking/rain gear and a mountain-gourmet dish of choice to share with other hikers. RSVP requested. FMI/RSVP: Call 824-3806 or e-mail mlt@mahoosuc.org.

Child Safety Seat Inspection; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Norway Fire Dept. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will be available to provide free, hands-on seat inspections. Bringing the child is advised, but not required. FMI: Carol Welsh (743-1562 ext. 6951).

Telstar Class of 1969 45th Reunion; 5 p.m., Sandy Wheeler's home, 137 Flat Road, West Bethel. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. BYOB. Bring a salad, dessert or chips to share. Don't forget your lawn chair. FMI: 836-2084.

Sunday, Aug. 10

Mundt-Allen Post 81 Annual Picnic; 12 p.m., 81 Vernon Street. Please call to request chicken or steak by Sunday, Aug. 3. FMI/Menu request: Bob Everett (836-2038) or Bob McCartney (836-3575).

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Potluck; 1 p.m. at the home of Christopher and Paula Easton, 763 Mill Hill Road, Waterford. Bring your favorite dish and a lawn chair. Weather permitting there will be an open hive, so bring your bee veil. Directions: mainehoneybees.com. FMI: Kevin (farrout@roadrunner.com).

Monday, Aug. 11

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

Mahoosuc Community Band Concert; 7 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. An end of summer concert celebrating the band's 20th year. Refreshments to be served. Donations accepted.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

Telstar Sports Registration; 9 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., Telstar Library. Telstar Middle and High School parents are required to register their student athlete for fall sports. Those unable to attend may contact Gail Wight, Athletic Director, at wightg@sad44.org or Chris Cole, District Nurse, at colec@sad44.org. Students will not be able to begin practice until the required forms are completed. All athletes must have proof of a physical exam completed in the past two years.

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting/Picnic; 11 a.m., Stony Brook Camping Area, Hanover. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be furnished. Members will bring either a salad or dessert to share. Reservations must be made before Aug. 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877.

Aug. 14 through 17 and 21 through 24

"See How They Run" OHMPAA presentation; 7 p.m. with matinees showings at 2 p.m. Aug. 17 and 24, Norway Grange Theater, Whitman Street, Norway. A typical English farce, replete with mistaken identities, slamming doors, pithy lines and all around confusion. Opening night tickets: \$5, all other performances \$10/adults, \$8/senior citizens and those under 18. Advance tickets are available at Books 'n' Things, Main Street, Norway. Unsold tickets will be available at the door.

Friday, Aug. 15

"Life Beyond Cynicism" with Debi Irons; 7 p.m., Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Performing will be dancers from Art Moves, Casco Bay Movers, Collective Motion, Fusion Dance, G-Tric, Indiedanceworks, along with singer Tim Rice. FMI: artmovesdance.com or 743-5569.

Saturday, Aug. 16

Upton Fun Day; 7 a.m. breakfast, Ladies Aid building. 9:30 a.m. parade line-up at Pat Kenyon's (142 Thistle Street). 10 a.m. Parade from 142 Thistle Street, merchandise, food vendors and children's carnival open. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. DVD show of logging in the past and Upton Historical Society display at Upton School House. 1 to 3 p.m. Chinese Auction viewing, Upton House Barn (260 Thistle Street). 2 p.m. cake and ice cream, Ladies Aid building and drawing for quilt raffle. 3 p.m. Chinese Auction (must be present to win). 5 p.m. Upton Union Church service with Rev. Jane C. Rich.

Arts and Artisans Fair; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., New Suncook School gym, Route 5, Lovell. Dozens of juried craftspeople in many media will donate a percentage of their sales to benefit the Charlotte Hobbs Library. This event also includes a large book sale, homemade refreshments and a raffle of artwork donated by 10 of the participating artists. Free admission. FMI: Visit www.hobbslibrary.org (click on the Arts and Artisans link) or e-mail aafair@hobbslibrary.org.

St. Jude's Charity Ride; Ellis River Rider's show grounds, Andover. FMI: Tim Tobin (trails@ellisriverriders.com).

Monday, Aug. 18

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Communi-

ty College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, Aug. 21

Cruise Night; 5:30 p.m., Breaux's Too parking lot, Bryant Pond. Live music by Carl Vee from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. FMI: 665-2554.

Saturday, Aug. 23

Blue Trail Ride; Ellis River Riders show grounds, Andover. FMI: Anita Altmaier (491-5805).

Saturday, Aug. 30

Pleasure/Equitation Horse Show; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders, Andover. Showmanship, in-hand, trail, and equitation classes. Riders of all ages and abilities will show their horsemanship skills through rail work and patterns. Free to spectators with stadium style bleachers, enclosed kiddie playground, and home cooked and fair style food for purchase. FMI: www.ellisriverriders.com.

Sunday, Aug. 31

Gymkhana Horse Show; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders, Andover. Barrel racing, pole bending, and other games. Riders of all ages and abilities will race against the clock to complete the patterns. Free to spectators with stadium style bleachers, enclosed kiddie playground, and home cooked and fair style food for purchase. FMI: www.ellisriverriders.com.

Wednesday, Sept. 10

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting/Luncheon; 11 a.m., the Funky Red Barn, Bethel. Menu: Fish or prime rib. Price: \$12. Reservations must be made before Sept. 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877.

Saturday, Sept. 13

Gymkhana Horse Show; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders, Andover. Barrel racing, pole bending, and other games. Riders of all ages and abilities will race against the clock to complete the patterns. Free to spectators with stadium style bleachers, enclosed kiddie playground, and home cooked and fair style food for purchase. FMI: www.ellisriverriders.com.

Sunday, Sept. 14

Pleasure/Equitation Horse Show; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders, Andover. Showmanship, in-hand, trail, and equitation classes. Riders of all ages and abilities will show their horsemanship skills through rail work and patterns. Free to spectators with stadium style bleachers, enclosed kiddie playground, and home cooked and fair style food for purchase. FMI: www.ellisriverriders.com.

Thursday, Sept. 18

Cruise Night; 5:30 p.m., Breaux's Too parking lot, Bryant Pond. FMI: 665-2554.

Saturday, Sept. 20

1st Annual Murder Mystery Benefit Trail Ride; Ellis River Riders, Andover. Proceeds to benefit Angel Flight Northeast. FMI: Audrey McKenzie (207-318-4442).

Friday, Sept. 26

Recovering Our Senses in the 21st Century; 7 to 9 p.m., Therapeutic Massage, 18 High Street, Bethel. Philip Shepherd traces our culture's long journey toward disconnection and shows how its roots lie in our relationship with our bodies. He also provides some simple, practical steps for recovering the felt wholeness of your life and world. \$10 per person (Free to Radical Wholeness workshop participants). FMI: Janet Willie (824-3889 or janetwillie@yahoo.com).

Sept. 27 and 28

Radical Wholeness Workshop; Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Therapeutic Massage, 18 High Street, Bethel. Workshop by Philip Shepherd on recovering the harmony of being through his techniques for reuniting conscious thinking with the deep-dwelling intelligence of the body. \$300 per person, limited to 16 people. FMI: Janet Willie (824-3889 or janetwillie@yahoo.com). Registration: www.philipsshepherd.com

Saturday, Sept. 27

Errol Heritage Day; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Errol, N.H. Come and be awed by World Champion Competitors in events like: the Axe Throw, Underhand Chop, Two Man Crosscut, Jack and Jill Crosscut, Bow Saw, Single Buck, Springboard, Open Chainsaw and Obstacle Pole Buck! The Commission is now looking for VENDORS and we need more SPONSORS. Anyone interested in being a Sponsor or Vendor for this event; or anyone interested in buying Raffle or 50/50 Tickets, please contact Kathleen Gingras (482-3370) or Deb Freedman (482-3884).

MLT Photo/Art/Writing Showing; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Photos, stories and artwork celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Mahoosuc Land Trust will be on display at the MLT office. FMI: www.mahoosuc.org or 824-3806.

Orange Trail Ride; Ellis River Riders show grounds, Andover. FMI: Anita Altmaier (491-5808).

O2X Summit Challenge; Sunday River, Newry. All obstacles are natural and courses are built to US Forest Service guidelines because mud pits and monkey bars are no measure of the human spirit. A weekend-long "BaseCamp" will blend on-site camping, training, and performance exhibits, environmental outreach and a farmer's market-inspired gathering of local fare. FMI: http://www.o2x.com/.

Saturday, Oct. 11

Special Fun Show Fundraiser/Last Show of the Season; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders, Andover. FMI: Audrey McKenzie (207-318-4442) or visit www.ellisriverriders.com.

Sunday, Oct. 12

Ellis River Riders Turkey Trot; Deertrees Arabians, Andover. \$5 participation fee, bring a food dish to share. FMI/RSVP: David and Carol Holtzman (392-1149).

Saturday, Oct. 18

Versatility Play/Learn and Trail Challenge Fundraiser; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders, Andover. Play and Learn, 9 a.m. to noon - Horse and Rider combos will have the opportunity to practice the potential obstacles for the challenge. Burger and hotdog lunch, noon to 1 p.m. Trail Challenge, 1 p.m. until finished. Cash prizes. In Hand, Youth Novice, Adult Novice, Youth, Adult, and Pro divisions. Advanced entries requested. See forms for exact rules. FMI: www.ellisriverriders.com or Dawn (show@ellisriverriders.com).

Sunday, Oct. 19

Trick or Treat Scavenger Hunt Ride; Ellis River Riders show grounds, Andover. FMI: Pam Tobin (capecodpam@gmail.com or 775-212-0075).

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

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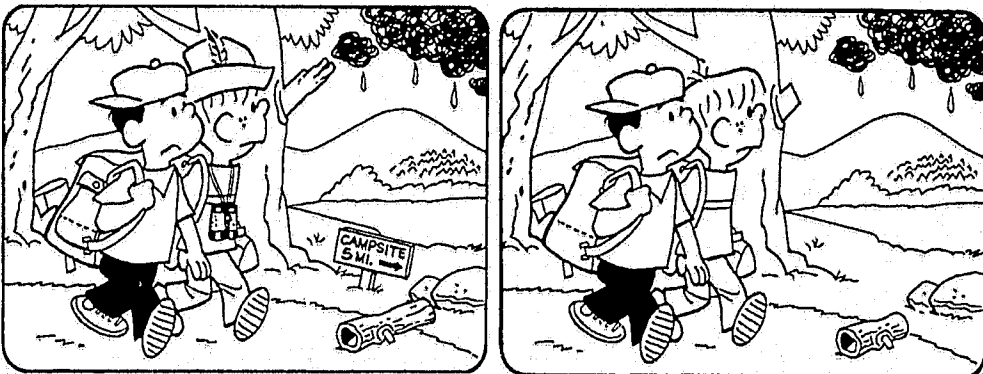
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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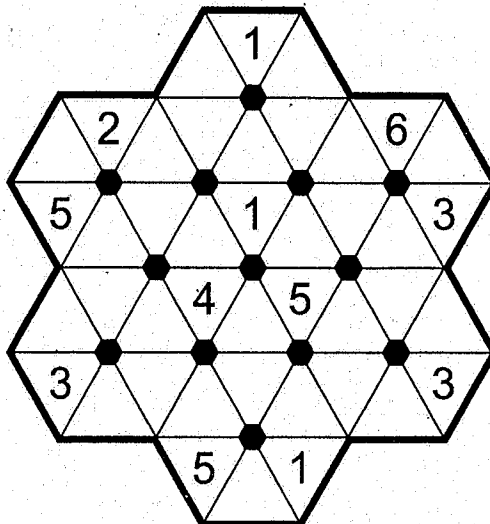
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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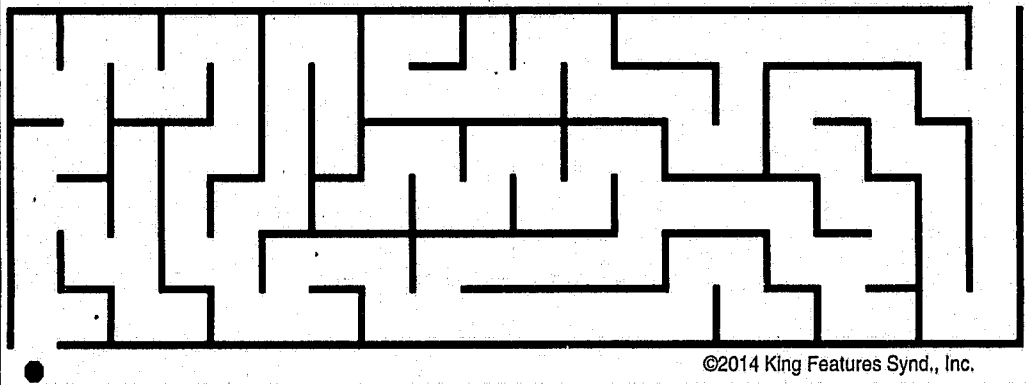
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Super Crossword

CURDISH LANGUAGE

ACROSS

1 Subtly persuasive marketing technique
9 Chemistry class charge
15 On the — of (close to)
20 Mystery writer Agatha
21 Bedside buzzers
22 Filing board
23 MasterCard alternative
25 Calcutta coin
26 Memory unit
27 — Tin Tin (TV pooch)
28 Top serve
29 Home for B-52s and F-14s; Abbr.
31 "Misérables"
32 Inferior
35 2001 Chris Kattan film
38 Wedding seater
41 Battery type, for short
43 Big name in gloves
44 Omega or Ebel product
46 Prefix for "outer"
48 French for "between"

49 Topping sorts
50 Plants used in first aid
52 Actor Haley Joel
55 Giant bird of legend
56 Looking a whiter shade of pale?
58 — Harum ("A Whiter Shade of Pale" band)
60 China's — Zedong
63 Pitch raisers, musically
65 What many a modern is connected to
69 "My — Amour" (1969 hit)
70 "Hogwash!"
71 Igloo dwellers
72 Fred Gwynne sitcom role
74 Small hills
75 Carders check them
76 Johnny Carson character who was "magnificent"
77 New Mexico skiing locale
78 Schlep
80 Shepherd on "The View"

82 Screenwriter Ben
85 Water main, for one
86 Suffix with land or sea
89 Mag for growing cos.
91 "United States of Tara" actress
94 20-Across was one
97 Burnt — (pigment)
99 — Green (old elopers' destination)
100 "Dynasty" schemer connected to
102 Telly commercial
104 "— favor, Señorita"
105 Major-leaguer
106 Suffix with planet
107 Degree for a corp. exec
108 Bard's black
112 Museum in Madrid
114 Entered seven answers in this puzzle?
119 "The — Sanction"
120 Unlike a dead ball

121 Florida tribe
122 "— of robins in her hair"
123 Burglars checking out potential targets, say
124 Attempts to get

DOWN

1 Wound cover
2 "Good golly!"
3 Be in a stew
4 Indefatigable
5 Fed. stipend
6 Series ender: Abbr.
7 Fibbing folks
8 In a merciful manner
9 Not stringent
10 Mammal like a camel
11 Market scanner input
12 Less fettered resource
13 Long dashes
14 Ella works
15 Forbidden
16 Kiwi's relative
17 Sow again
18 More grassy
19 Junk pile, say
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33 Lifesaving sites, briefly
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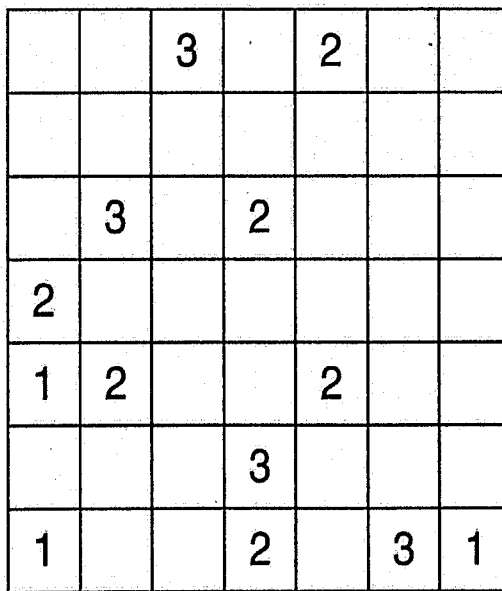
36 Lowbrow, as art trinkets
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39 Rushed by audibly
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51 Liquid smear
53 Bovine noise
54 Odd weather cause
56 Oratorio solo
57 High-profile lawyer
59 Russo of film
60 Spammer's resource
61 Affects
62 Permits
64 Certain limb
65 Substance in red wine
66 Actress Lanchester
67 1980 TV spinoff
68 Summer mo. material
69 Sorority letter
70 Enchilada kin
73 Dent up, e.g.
74 Wife of Wills

77 Like a bronze medal winner
79 Hollywood's Rowlands
80 X-ray — (sci-fi glasses)
81 Copter's landing area
83 Tide reflux
84 Pie fillers
85 12-year-olds, e.g.
86 Stir-fry tidbit
87 Use crayons to fill, say
88 Medicate
90 Semiprivate workspace
92 Size bigger than med.
93 Pt. of ETA
95 Galilee loc.
96 Suffix with micro- or macro-
98 Sweetheart
101 Nooses, e.g.
103 Darth —
109 "How may I — service?"
110 Main port of Norway
111 — do-well (idle sort)
115 Retrovirus
116 — admin
117 901, to Livy
118 Zip, old-style

Star Map

By Linda Thistle

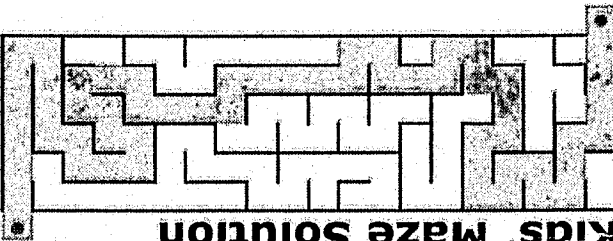
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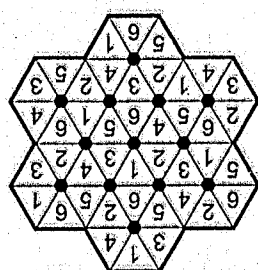
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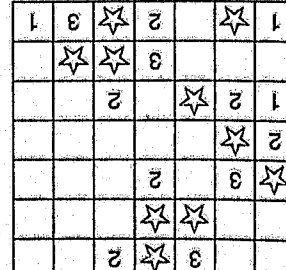
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Max and Peter Southam of Bethel recently finished the Tour Divide, which is a 2,750-mile bike race from Banff, Canada to Antelope Wells, N.M. Antelope Wells is a border crossing with Mexico. The father-and-son duo were out for 35 days and completed the whole race.

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Real Estate Transfers

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Maira Pellegrino to Gregory Pellegrino of Washington, D.C. property at 81 Appalachian Drive, \$107,500, Feb. 26, 2014.

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As the economy begins to rebound, a good percentage of motorists have resolved to keep their vehicles on the road longer in an effort to stretch their automobile dollars. That's a sound resolution, and one that is not necessarily difficult to accomplish. Contrary to popular belief, cars are built to last, and it's often a vehicle owner's poor habits that reduce a car's life expectancy as opposed to the vehicle manufacturer's product. Drivers looking to lengthen their vehicle's lifespans can employ preventive maintenance that should keep a car running strong for years to come.

AIR FILTER

When examining the vehicle's air filter (check the vehicle manual for location), look for dirt or dust buildup. If the filter is filthy, simply replace it. Auto parts stores sell air filters, and most drivers shouldn't have trouble replacing a filter by themselves. A dirty air filter can negatively effect fuel economy and make it seem as though a vehicle is constantly going uphill in a stiff wind. When a dirty air filter is replaced, drivers will notice an instant impact in how the car drives and are likely to save a few dollars at the filling station as well.

BELTS AND HOSES

Issues with belts or hoses are often recognizable to the naked eye, regardless of a driver's automotive skill. A hose in poor condition can appear bulging or brittle, and should not feel too soft or too hard. If a hose exhibits any of these symptoms, replace it. A belt that's worn or frayed should also be replaced.

BRAKE FLUID

One of the more expensive repair jobs on a vehicle is to

replace the brakes. Brakes will need to be replaced over the course of a vehicle's lifespan, but drivers should routinely check the vehicle's brake fluid. Without sufficient brake fluid, the brakes' lifespan decreases dramatically. Checking the brake fluid is easy; simply look in the owner's manual to find brake fluid reservoir and remove the lid (some vehicles might require the lid be unscrewed). The reservoir will likely have instructions on the inside advising how much brake fluid should be added. If the fluid is below the line of demarcation, add fluid up to that line. But be careful not to overfill. Check the brake fluid levels on a monthly basis.

MOTOR OIL

Oil change guidelines have changed dramatically thanks to better cars and more reliable motor oils. But it still helps to check motor oil levels after every fill up. If motor oil levels are low, add more oil. If oil is significantly low after each fill up, consult a mechanic just to be safe.

EXHAUST

Once a year, be it at a routine tune up or should repair work be necessary, ask your mechanic to check the vehicle's emissions. Failing an emissions test might be against the law, and a failed test could be indicative of a larger problem. In addition, inspect the muffler and exhaust pipe for holes, particularly after winter, when debris from snow trucks may do significant damage. Replace any damaged or rusted parts.

POWER STEERING

Power steering fluid should also be inspected on a monthly basis. Checking power steering is the same as checking the oil, but it helps to also inspect the pump for any leaks.

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Keeping tires properly inflated pays numerous dividends. Properly inflated tires make it easier for the engine to operate, lowering fuel costs while also decreasing wear and tear on the engine. The owner's manual should list a recommended tire pressure,

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TRANSMISSION FLUID

When checking transmission fluid, do so while the car is running and after the engine has warmed up. Always be certain to put the parking brake on when checking transmission fluid. If the vehicle needs transmission fluid, add the recommended fluid but be careful not to overfill.

Prolonging a vehicle's lifespan is not as difficult as it sounds. Oftentimes, all it takes is minor, yet routine, maintenance to keep a car on the road for years and years.



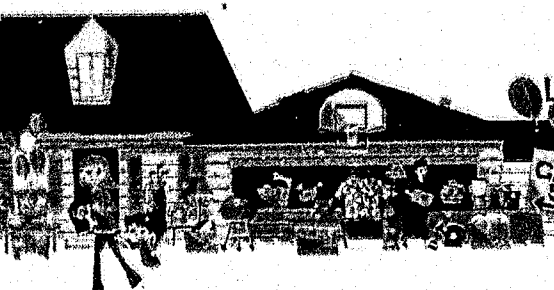
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BFHC to hold food drive

Bethel Family Health Center will hold a food drive in celebration of National Community Health Center Week from August 11 through 15.

The health center will accept nonperishable food from members of the community Monday through Friday during the second week of August. All food donations will be brought to the Bethel Food Pantry.

Additionally, a Summer Safety table will be available in the waiting area with information focusing on tick and Lyme disease awareness, skin cancer prevention, water safety and secondary drowning, animal bites, fish hooks, and identifying poison ivy, oak and sumac.

Bethel Family Health Center is located at 32 Railroad Street in Bethel. For more information, call (207) 824-2193 or visit BethelCHC.org.

Each year the second week in August is dedicated to celebrating the services and contributions of community health centers. This year's theme is America's Health Centers: Local Engines for Healthier Communities. National Health Center Week showcases the importance of these facilities and the impact they have on their communities, providing access to affordable, high quality, cost effective health care to medically vulnerable and underserved people throughout the United States.

Bethel Family Health Center is a practice of HealthReach Community Health Centers, a system of eleven federally qualified health centers in Central and Western Maine. Dedicated providers deliver high quality health care to citizens in over 80 rural communities. To ensure access for everyone, HealthReach accepts Medicare, MaineCare and major insurances. In addition, we offer an Affordable Care Program to uninsured and underinsured residents and assist with applications for other programs that help with the cost of health care and medications including the new Health Insurance Marketplace. A private, non-profit organization with a 39-year history, HealthReach is funded by patient fees, grants and individual donations.

Birth

LANE RYAN GAGNON

Lindsay and Ryan Gagnon of Rumford are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Lane Ryan Gagnon, born on July 17, 2014 at 11:15 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds 3 ounces.

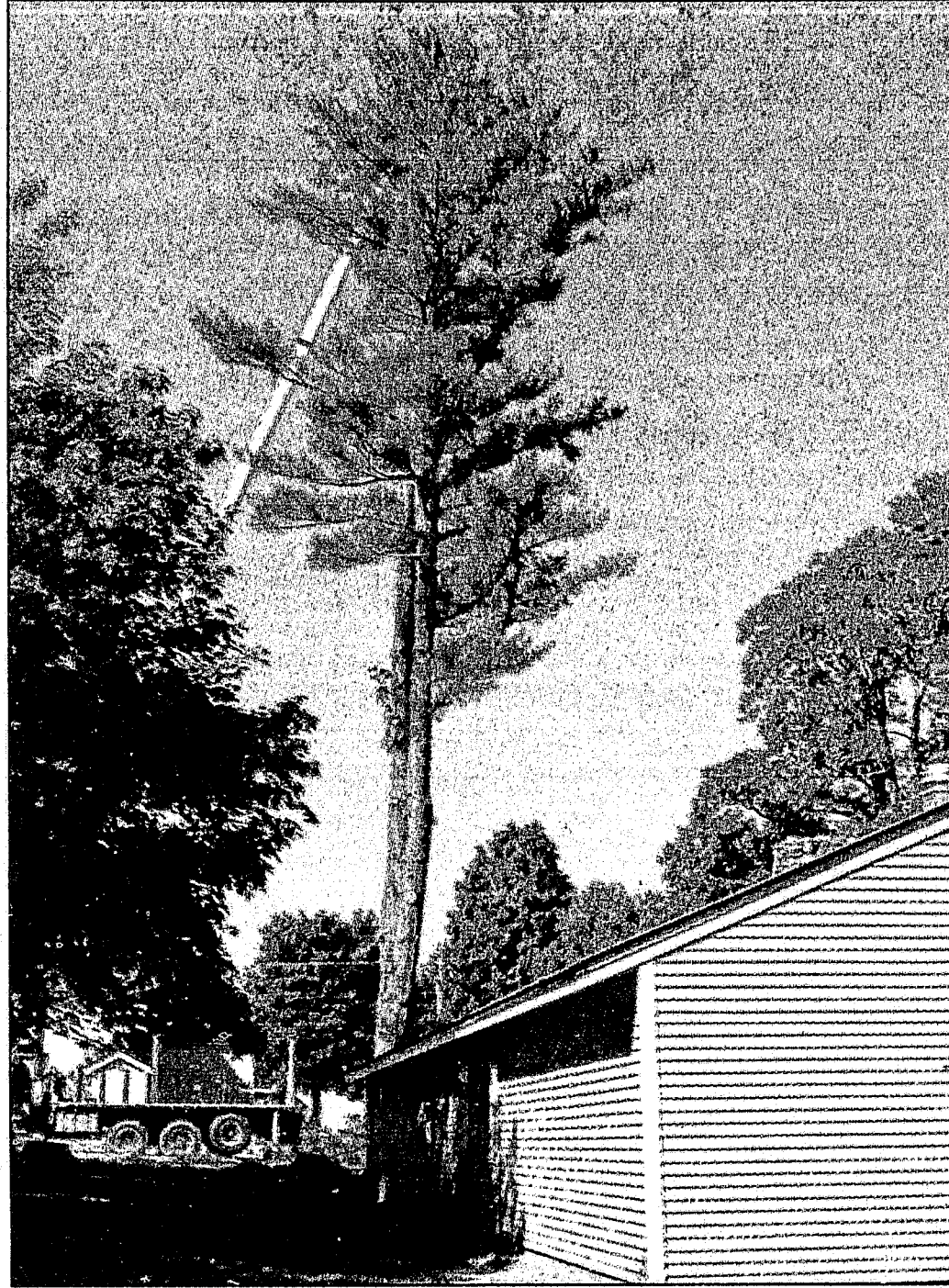
Maternal grandparents are Thomas Pitcher and wife Helene of Rumford and Carrie McPherson and husband Ed of Hanover.

Paternal grandparents are Normand and Rebecca Gagnon of Rumford.



TELSTAR FOOTBALL PLAYERS LEND HAND AT LIBRARY—Several THS football players helped Bethel Library volunteers lug books for the annual sale on MollyOckett Day. Pulling boxes of books from the back of a pickup here are (from left) Chris Chappie, Noah Rose, Zachary Wheeler and Elijah Mason.

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BHS TREES COMES DOWN—Two large pine trees behind the Bethel Historical Society's Robinson House were taken down last week. BHS Executive Director Randy Bennett said one was diseased and both were leaning toward the adjacent Bethel Inn Conference Center (in foreground). Here, Brady Chapman of Top Notch Tree Service prepares to cut a section of trunk from the second tree on Friday. The trees were more than 100 feet tall.

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Obituaries



CLARA E. WHITMAN

Clara E. Whitman, age 94 of Bryant Pond, died Monday, July 28, 2014 at Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Clara was born at her home in Bryant Pond on Oct. 18, 1919, a daughter of Elvern and Inez (Casey) Whitman. She attended Woodstock schools and graduated from Woodstock High School.

She worked at Stowell's Mill for many years and had held a variety of positions there before her retirement in 1982. Clara was a member of the Bryant Pond Baptist Church where she also taught Sunday School for many years. She adored her nieces and nephews, she loved going to the ocean where she especially enjoyed going to Bug Light in Portland. Clara also loved animals, especially dogs.

She had lived in Bryant Pond her entire life and was never married.

Clara is predeceased by her brother, Donald Whitman, Sr.; her sisters, Verne Swan, Mary Abbott and Edith Whitman; and three nephews, Ken Swan, Herbert Whitman and Larry Whitman.

Surviving are nieces Arlene Mackillop of Bryant Pond, Leatrice Collar and her husband Louis of Southington, Conn., Barbara Watts of Oakland, Sylvia Doughty and her husband Stan of Lisbon Falls and Andrea Hoyt and her husband Don of Bryant Pond with whom she made her home; nephews, Gilbert Taylor and his wife Mary of Norridge-wock, Donald Whitman and his wife Marcia of Buckfield and Keith Swan of Bryant Pond.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Bryant Pond Baptist Church with Pastor Matthew Jones officiating. Interment will follow at the South Woodstock Cemetery. If desired, donations can be made in Clara's memory to the Bryant Pond Baptist Church, Bus Ministry, 116 Church Street, Bryant Pond, Maine, 04219. Arrangements are in the care of Chandler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, 64 Andrews Road, South Woodstock.

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